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ABSTRACT

The semiannual report of the Cleveland Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) covers the period January 1 to June 30, 1970. Part I of the report discusses: (1) Experiments or Changes in FGP Work Program; (2) Accomplishments; (3) Benefits of FGP; (4) Unresolved Issues; (5) Future Plans; and (6) Personnel Changes. Part II concerns: (1) Orientation and In-Service Instruction; (2) Programs or Special Events Announcements; (3) Memos or Instructions Issued; (4) Minutes of FGP Advisory Committee Meetings and Minutes of Staff Meetings; (5) FGP Advisory Committee Evaluation of Program; (6) FGP Newsletter; (7) Publicity; and (8) Significant Correspondence. (DB)

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
January 1, 1970-June 30, 1970
Joan T. Breland, Project Director
Part I
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A. GENERAL OPERATION

The Cleveland Foster Grandparent Program project employs 38 FGPs in 6 host agencies, 8 are male, 30 are Foster Grandmothers. Of the 6 host agencies, 3 are day care in poverty target areas, 2 serve handicapped and/or retarded youngsters and 1 serves abandoned children who are wards of the County. The Cleveland FGP program has been in operation under CEO since March 1967.

ORGANIZATION OF SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT

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1. Experiments or Changes in FGP Work Program

The last week of February and the first week of March 1970 saw the inauguration of training classes for a new older worker program at CEO, personal assistance aides (to serve elderly persons needing transportation, shopping help, etc.) The FGP waiting list was turned over to the new program and 2 of the 20 trained were from FGPs. The FGP director attended some of the training sessions, brought a casserole to the graduation, took pictures and helped as hostess, and joined one of the discussion group on working with the elderly ending the training sessions.

FGPs at Phillis Wheatley Association, one of the host agencies, has begun a lunch program with the FGPs eating with the children and teaching them good table manners.

The location of the FGP program was moved into an older persons program complex at CEO in order to improve coordinations of the 4 CEO based older persons programs.

During the months of January-March 1970, the FGP director was delighted to offer her services and training to prepare income tax for FGPs desiring it, without charge. Quite a few FGPs took advantage of this offer. Materials from Internal Revenue on taxation for the elderly were obtained free of charge. In the process of aiding in these returns, much information was gained. Money was saved the FGPs as it had been brought out, some had paid $5.00 or $10.00 for this service in years past.

Some FGPs still have dependents and had requested medical coverage. Brochures and blanks for CHF a group insurance available to CEO employees were distributed.

As a result of a 5% cut in the FGP budget, the FGP field supervisors could no longer be paid from Federal funds. Fortunately, this will not effect program operation, as the host agencies involved are picking up this amount, which will be carried as an in-kind contribution.

One of the most ambitious undertaking of the half year was a conference of Northern Ohio's Senior Citizens, to seek solutions to problems facing the elderly. 1000 persons gathered at the Cleveland Sheraton for the all day conference, 4/6/70, divided into general assembly, small discussion groups on 22 topics in the areas of safety, housing, transportation, income maintenance and health. Lunch, with speaker and a final general assembly completed the afternoon. The whole staff of C.E.O.'s older person's program assisted with the mammoth task of registration and direction and all the FGPs attended the sessions. The conference was sponsored by 17 organizations concerned with the elderly. All senior citizens groups in Northern Ohio were invited and transportation was provided. As a result of the conference, ideas generated were presented in the form of resolutions, which will be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

On Monday, May 11, 1970, in response to a vote by the FGPs, 36 of the 38 FGPs attended the Live Long and Like It Institute as their training activity for Senior Citizens Month. They each received kits and name tags, heard 3 talks on "Use of Senior Power", "Senior Citizen." "Safety." and "Consumer Protection Beware the Trick Bag." Discussions of the topics followed. At the luncheon special tributes and entertainment was featured. Some of the FGP Advisory Committee members were also invited and attended and the FGP project director was spotlighted at the speaker's table. The Men's Golden Age Glee Club from the 3 Golden Age Centers entertained and presiding was the acting supervisor of Adult Education, who is a FGP Advisory Committee member.

Annual Reinterviews with FGPs currently employed were begun using new forms suggested by H.E.W., FGP guide. Evaluation forms for FGPs and Supervisors were redesigned from the guide in June, also. (copies attached) The FGP travel allowance was raised from 60¢ to 80¢ as per the budget to allow for transit fare increases. Retroactive checks from the beginning of the fiscal year, February 1, 1970, brightened the FGP's Easter.

A memo explaining the workmen's compensation program was sent to all FGPs due in part to an injury on the job to one FGP while working with one of the children.

The Cleveland project initiated an exchange of reports with 11 FGP projects throughout the country. In turn, Cleveland received letters and reports from 7 of the projects during the past quarter.

The FGP director met with all the supervisors and directors of the host agencies at C.E.O. on 6/23/70, for discussion of the new H.E.W. FGP guide and other issues. Future meetings are planned on a regular basis, and between FGPs and children.

2. Accomplishments

New FGP Training Class

In May 1967, 44 trainees were trained for the program and in January 1968, 26 persons were trained and placed. As all of these 26 desiring placement had been employed, a new training program for 20 persons was held in January 1970. The training class was limited to 20, due to the few placements available. Announcements were sent to all of the Neighborhood opportunity centers and outreach offices, Aid for the Aged, Golden Age Centers and clubs, Senior Information, and Metropolitan Housing, during the last of December 1969 and the first week of January 1970.

News releases from the CEO community relations department concerning the training program were sent to the daily papers, weekly ethnic and religious papers and all T.V. and radio stations and it was announced on the community news program (copies attached.) In addition, those persons who had applied to the program since the last training class in January 1968 were contacted. Approximately, 90 persons were interviewed in the period from 1/5/70 to 1/16/70. In selecting the 20 who were included in the class, need was the primary factor. In addition, male applicants were given preference, as many of the Foster Grandchildren are from fatherless homes and need a male image in their lives. The final 20 included 6 men and 14 women, one applicant had been injured in a robbery and the store destroyed. They were almost destitute when contacted. She was tearfully grateful to be offered this opportunity.

One applicant of 61 was not old enough for Social Security and had no income. Almost all those contacted said they had much appreciation of being included in the training program even if not employed immediately. Sixteen speakers in the fields of child development, health, social security, golden age activities, human relations and employment were contacted to serve as resource persons. Refreshments were donated by organizations in the community. Fisher Fazio Costa Foods, whose president is a member of the FGP advisory committee, provided refreshments for 4 days of the training period. Advisory committee members served as chairmen and hostesses. In addition, three of our host agencies conducted tours of their facilities for the trainees and showed movies. Classes and tours ran from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. followed by refreshments and informal discussions. The residents of the McGregor Home made graduation hats and reporters, photographers and guests joined the trainees on the final day of the sessions for a speech by a representative of Benjamin Rose Institute and awarding of diplomas. (copy attched) Invitations to graduation were sent to NOCs, agencies concerned with the elderly golden age centers and clubs, Congressmen, State Representatives, Judges, city councilmen and community leaders. The FGP trainees wrote evaluations of the training classes. A summary of their conclusions is attached.

An evaluation of all FGPs then working was conducted as to their health and work record. 2 FGPs were found to be medically unfit for further employment and so notified. One FGP who had been an excellent worker quit to enjoy golden age activities more. Another was eligible for RR retirement for her husband, if she gave up FGPs and did so. In all, we were able to make a total of 6 placements from the new trainees to bring the program up to its alloted level of 38. One trainee developed fainting spells following placement and reluctantly had to terminate. The applications remaining were turned over to the other 3 older programs at CEO and are now working as personal assistance aides or senior community workers.

One of the Kiwanis Clubs on the near West side invited the FGP director to speak at their luncheon meeting about the FGP program 3/10/70. To illustrate her speech, pictures of the FGPs on a traveling display board were exhibited. Not only was the speech very well received, but one of the Kiwanis offered a job opening to an over 60 accountant (this was turned over to the job developer at CEO.)

Another Kiwanis from the West side, who stated he did not need income, offered to work as a volunteer FGP (this was referred to Merrick House, a West side host agency.) An announcement was received from the Black Economic Union 3/9/70 offering consultants to agencies in various specialties, one of which was "older worker specialist."

Free admissions were obtained for FGP and children at 3 of the host agencies to the circus 2/18/70 and 2/20/70.

Combining program coordination with fun, the FGP director joined the FGPs and children from Merrick House, host agency on 2/18/70, and was able to observe the FGPs in an informal setting with the children for the afternoon and on the bus trip back to the agency.

All FGPs received free tickets to the Home and Flower Show, courtesy of May Company through FGPs efforts 3/25/70.

FGP representatives of the 6 host agencies planning committee met with the FGP project director on 3/12/70, at CEO to plan for a Senior Citizen Month Activity for May 1970. Suggestions were received and all FGPs voted as to which they prefered. Problems and suggestions on program improvement were also discussed at this time, especially the problem of safety to and from work and injuries at work.

The FGP project director was asked to speak about the program at the annual woman's day program, at an inner city church 6/7/70. Her speech illustrated with pictures of FGPs and children was well received by the 200 or more women present.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1970 the FGP project sponsored a bus trip for all the FGPs to the Governor's Conference on Aging at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio. 31 of the 38 FGPs made the trip. (copies attached)

BENEFITS OF FGP PROGRAM

The FGPs listed a number of ways in which the program benefited them in the period January through June, 1970. These included financial aid to pay cleaning bills, buy a new T.V., pay doctor and dental bills, buy new sheets, linens and print dresses, have house painted, have storm windows put up upstairs, buy new washing machine, new sink, air conditioning, have T.V. repaired and pay automobile insurance, take a trip to New Orleans, build a garage, buy teeth, put new gutters on house, attend church gathering out of town unable to afford before, buy carpeting for the living room and a dinette set.

In less tangible but as important areas, the FGP program was said to help morale by feeling useful and needed, give knowledge by working with children, make FGPs feel young by taking care of children, bring peace of mind, better outlook on life, associations with other FGPs brings good fellowship, exchanging birthday presents and cards and visiting each other's homes brings joy, health and happiness. One Foster Grandfather stated that the FGP program saved his life, if he hadn't gotten something to do he would have gone nuts with nothing to do or think about each day. Now, he has something to do with the youngsters each day, and feels his mind has been activated.

Another states, the word togetherness explains all. Being with other FGPs, learning different ideas given by each of them.

As a two-pronged program, the FGPs also listed many improvements in the children they serve, such as, "little Foster Grandchild learned to identify pictures of animals in her book," "Foster Grandchild brighter and talks a lot more, child more friendly." "They like to tell me something they are getting or going to do, or place they've been," "they need attention." "I feel in my dealings with the children, that they are really mine, they have become a part of me." "The children know me and love me and I love them." "The children look forward to seeing me each morning and tell me their little troubles." "I teach the children to love and hope and share and play with other children." "I locate a youngster who is not having fun, off by himself, and bring him into the group so he can get along well." "I teach the children respect and obedience." "I watch out for the children and see that they don't get hurt. They like me and call me grandfather." "You should see my Foster Grandchildren's face light up when I love them." "The children have learned to read their books, write their names and pick up their boxes, they learned to eat at the table like grown-ups and their manners are just fine and getting better. Everything they ask for is "Please" and "Thank you" and they get along with one another and I feel happy over the achievement of it." I quiet rough children, some motherless, I pat them and talk to them quietly, to help get them to sleep for their nap."

Benefits of FGP Program

"Children are rebellious when they first come in, when I am assigned, I spend 2 hours just talking to the new child." "One of my Foster Grandchildren could scarcely make it on his feet, but now I help him walk much better." "Children are better behaved, I act as peace-maker when the children argue, take them in the multipurpose room when it rains, to prevent fights."

The Foster Grandparents accompany their children to the parks and the zoo and for walks. One Foster Grandfather gave his Foster Grandchild a fishing pole and rod, so he could go fishing in Edgewater park. He is now looking for a used T.V. for another Foster Grandchild to use to learn electrical repairs. A Foster Grandmother brings in books and punch-outs, comes in on Sunday and takes her child to church, tutors the girl in reading and spelling on Tuesdays, brings in clothing and shoes she collects and taught a slightly retarded girl to talk plainer and write her name. Another Foster Grandmother taught an older girl to sew and weave pot holders. She reads stories and tries to keep them entertained. One Foster Grandchild was so lonely when his Foster Grandmother was in the hospital, that he sent her 2 cards, enclosing a dime in 1, all the money he had. Another Foster Grandmother had contacts with a thrift shop. She brought gowns for the children made from shirts to use for painting, and clean rags for teachers and made party favors for special occasions.

A Foster Grandmother who stated,she was crazy about the children and they were crazy about her, but she had diffulty expressing herself, had to bring her Foster Grandchild with her to the reinterviewing as the child hated to be out of her sight. While being interviewed she held the little girl on her lap, hugging her and rocking her. She stated, the child's mother is dead and she wants the Foster Grandmother to be her mother. Finally, a Foster Grandfather made a beautiful statement of FGPs in this evaluation as follows:

> "Part of the FGP's duty is to prepare the child for life. We impart values in an atmosphere of love. So the child will not be limited in his self-growth by excessive fear and rigidity. The child learns through identification and the FGPs capacity to relax, to come alive, to grow up out of his world, into enlightened self-fulfillment."

In considering benefits the FGP program brings, the unusual burdens the FGPs bear must be considered. 2 of the Foster Grandfathers have seriously ill wives. One takes his wife a hot lunch every day, from his agency. One Foster Grandmother has a husband seriously ill with cancer and has his physical care and enormous financial medical expenses.

Benefits of FGP Program

In two instances where a Foster Grandparent is 60 but not 62, their salary is their sole source of income. One Foster Grandfather has 10 children, ranging in age from 6 to 23, including two sets of twins, 6 of them under 21. Another Foster Grandfather has 11 children, 4-12 years old or younger, including 12 year old twins. Three of the Foster Grandmothers are raising orphaned grandchildren who are now teenagers with all the expenses that entails. One granddaughter has been seriously ill, but is now preparing for college. Another grandson is very talented in music and his grandmother was able to get him some drums.

4. Unresolved Issues

The FGPs report the following as problems they'd like resolved:

1. Transportation for the children to and from one of the agencies.

2. The playground at one of the agencies is not clean. Broken bottles are thrown and the FGPs are asked to clean up.

3. Parents pick up their children late and the FGPs are forced to stay overtime to wait with them.

The two issues which FGPs from all of the host agencies mentioned as needing improvement were: transportation and paid holidays and sick time. One FGP who does drive, stated, driving is a problem in bad weather and at her age she fears traffic and freeways. Another stated, the transportation allowance should be increased to meet increased bus fares and pay should be available during bus strikes. Another, who works at an agency at the top of a steep hill said, "Climbing the hill leaves her pretty tired." A shuttle bus would solve this, run for FGPs.

All FGPs wish pay for holidays and sick time since the teachers and other staff get this. One special problem mentioned were FGPs not getting lunch, if a little late coming to work. A Foster Grandmother wrote under suggestions, "a little more money, ha! ha!" But seriously, it is certain all would appreciate a raise to $2.00 an hour.

Another suggestion was that the program needed more Foster Grandfathers, especially to advise the boys at the agency, most of whom have no fathers.

Another important unresolved issue is the fate of prospective host agencies.

The Hough Parent Child Center contacted the FGP program, 5/7/70, to inquire as to the procedure they would have to follow to become a host agency and have FGPs placed to serve their children. They serve children from 6 months to 4 years of age. Hough is in a target area and would therefore qualify. The limitations on expansion were explained to the director. This brings the total of agencies waiting for FGPs in Cleveland to 5. The others being Cerebral Palsy Association, Health Hill Hospital for Children, Project Peace-Child Development Centers, Broadview Center for Retarded Children. The total number of FGPs needed to staff these would be 22.

5. Future Plans

2nd annual FGP day at the Cuyahoga County Fair is planned for August, 1970. FGPs present,past and prospective are invited with a member of their family or friends at free admission courtesy of Paul Corey, Chairman of the FGP Advisory Committee.

The annual FGP party given by the FGP Advisory Committee is planned for November, 1970. This includes a band, refreshments and entertainment. A training session for all the FGPs on nutrition for the elderly will also be held on this date. Political and community leaders are invited to meet and mingle with the FGPs at this time.

Since all 20 FGPs trained in January, 1970 are now placed, a new training program in order to have a group of trained replacements is contemplated for January, 1971.

6. Personnel Changes

Due to cuts in the FGP budget, the very efficient secretary who had been with the FGP program since its inception at CEO, had to be released. The FGP director planned a going away party attended by the whole FGP staff, at which gifts from CEO and FGPs were presented. A poem was also written by the FGP director concerning her services.

A part-time FGP secretary was assigned by Senior Community Service Aides, 5/19/70.

The Coordinator of The Older Persons Programs left for a new position in Chicago, Illinois. The FGP director painted a picture of a Foster Grandparent and child, as a going away present at a party given by C.E.O. working staff, community and steering committee members, 6/30/70.

During this six months, 3 FGPs resigned and three others were hired in their place, plus three vacation replacements began in June. The first FGP found that she could not continue employment and get Railroad retirement benefits to which she was entitled on her husband's account. The second FGP had personality difficulties with staff at the agency, as well as health problems and a bad back. Conferences with her Supervisor brought out the fact that she was not conscientious about her work and was off a great deal, so she was allowed to terminate. The third FGP's leaving was for more pleasant reasons. She retired to live with a daughter in Florida and on a return visit to Cleveland looked tanned and terrific.

These three openings allowed us to place our last 3 remaining applicants from our January, 1970 training class. Two FGP volunteers were put on the payroll as vacation replacements. They were former FGPs who are unable to work a full year, but loved the program so much, they had been volunteering without pay at the agency. Another former FGP who had transportation difficulties was placed as a vacation replacement also.

A number of interviews with and applications from prospective FGPs have also been taken.

PART II

A. Orientation and In-Service Instruction

A complete memo on FGP training since project began was compiled and sent in response to a request by Gene Handleman, including copies of all training programs, 6/23/70.

CEO held a central staff training seminar for 3 full days, 1/7/70, 1/8/70 and 1/9/70, at Hospitality Motor Inn run by the Sterling Institute. Personal, group and CEO goals were formulated in small discussion groups and compiled. FGP Director attended and participated.

The FGP director worked closely with the CARE Director, Senior Service Director and Community Relations Coordinator in formulating the training program. Conferences were held with the Deputy Director on the FGP budget 1/16/70 and 1/19/70. At the POD staff meeting 1/13/70 the FGP training program was outlined.

In the area of training, the FGP director attended a 2 day training session on May 21 and 22, 1970, for all the staff of Older Persons Programs at C.E.O., including FGPs, Vistas, Senior Workers and Personal Assistant Aides. The sessions were from 9:00 to 12:30 at the Downtown YWCA and were led by 2 consultants from Case Western Reserve University on the topic of community organization. The group was divided into tables of 4 or 5 and participated the first day in interesting group sensitivity "games" evaluation of effectiveness. The second day was devoted to most effective ways of working with the elderly. Rosemary Rehabilitation Center, one of the FGP host agencies, has been conducting monthly in-service training meetings, including FGPs, with a psychologist from Metropolitan General Hospital on child development.

a. Orientation or in-service instructions, programs or schedules.

b. Announcements of programs or special events.

c. memoranda or instructions issued to FGPs.

d. reports of staff meetings including FGPs.

e. Any evaluation of program.

f. Agency newsletter.

g. Publicity involving FGPs.

A. Phillis Wheatley Report on
In-Service Training, Items Discussed:

1. Program for Tot School
    - (A) Working with child in classroom.
    - (B) Aid child in their eagerness to learn while in your care.
2. Gym Activities:
    - (A) Instructing child in fair play and sharing of ball, jump rope, etc.
3. Walks to the Playground
    - (A) The safety of walking instead of running to and from.
4. Trips and Outings When Taken
    - (A) What to talk to child about?
    - (B) Ask your child questions, the same as he or she does you.
    - (C) Show and tell them about important sights, as you approach them.
5. Discussions: Each FGP Participates
    1. Problems of child.
    2. Accomplishments with child.
    3. Progress made in child.

B.

1. Phillis Wheatley Association Staff Luncheon-
2. Trip to mini park E. 35th Street.
3. Trip to Garden site East 35th Street.
4. Trip to Green House, Picnic on the lake.
5. Trip to Sea World for Picnic.
6. Trip to Rovky River for Picnic

(Family Picnic for all Tot School family)

C. Each received a notice as a reminder of each of our

D. Activities.

E. The second Tuesday of each month, FGP attend Staff meeting.

F. Each FGP work very hard in making our entire Program a success, and they are very dependable.

See attached Open Door's Articles.

FGP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The members of the Foster Grandparent Advisory Committee met 1/14/70, at the Lucia Bing Golden Age Center. The main speaker was the Director of CARE, CEO's other older worker program. (notices, agendas attached)

The FGP Advisory Committee met during the quarter 4/22/70, at Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's Center, one gave an informative talk on the purpose of the Center; how neglected or dependent children are referred, and described some of the programs such as residential care, emergency placement, homemaker service, medical clinic, diagnostic and treatment clinic, dental clinic, educational services, foster grandparents and a crisis intervention team.

Miss Esther Test, Director of the Senior Community Service Aides project, which is housed at C.E.O., but funded by Department of Labor through AARP and NRTA described her project to the Advisory Committee. This project also provides part-time jobs for older persons with low income, but in a variety of occupations and agencies.

A report on the January, 1970 Training Program and Placements was passed out and announcements of changes in FGP Advisory Committee given. New rosters were passed out. (Roster and minutes attached) Copies are sent to absent members.

STAFF MEETINGS

CEO Board of Trustee meetings were attended 2/18/70 and 3/18/70.

A POD meeting was also held 3/31/70. (Program Operation Dinner)

CEO's Executive Director held a meeting for all staff members, 4/7/70. Attended by FGP Director.

APPLICATION TO BE A FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Council for
Economic Opportunities
1350 West Third Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Miss( )
Mrs.( )
Mr. ( )____ Date__________________

ddress____ Zip Code________
Street City or Town State

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elephone Number Social Security Number Medicare Number Medicaid Number

____ _________ ________________ Married____ Single____ Widowed____ Divorced____
Age Birthdate Birth Place

Years of School Completed______ Previous Occupations_________________________________
(Use Reverse Side if Necessary)

Physical Condition: Excellent____ Good____ Fair____ Poor____ Please explain:

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No. of Persons Living in Your Home________________

Names of Legal Dependents_____________________

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Your Net Income for Next 12 months $______________

Total Income of Your Entire Household $____________

Tell Why You Wish to be a Foster Grandparent________

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(Use Reverse Side if Necessary)

What kind of Transportation Do You Plan to Use:______

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Income Sources and Amounts

Social Security	$__________
Annuity Income	$__________
Pension Income	$__________
Net Rent Income	$__________
Interest Income	$__________
Wage	$__________
Stocks & Bonds	$__________
Public Assistance	$__________
Other	$__________

Membership in Senior Clubs or Organizations____

Hobbies and Special Skills____

Willing to Work: Mornings____ Afternoons____ Evenings____ Saturday____ Sunday______

Two Character References (Not Relatives)

	Name	Address	City	Phone
1.				
2.				

FGP SEMI-ANNUAL EVALUATION FORM

1. Would you please describe any accomplishments you have made as a FGP during this report period.

2. Will you please describe any unusual benefits the FGP program has brought to you or the children you serve during this report period?

3. are there any unresolved issues or suggestions you would like to make to improve the FGP program?

Agency____________________________

Date____________________________

Name____________________________

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM
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FGP SUPERVISOR'S SEMI-ANNUAL EVALUATION FORM

Would you report any of the following involving the FGP program at your institution during this report period.

1. experiments or changes in FGP work program?

2. accomplishments of FGPs.

3. new or unusual benefits to FGPs, children's institution or community.

4. unresolved issues.

5. future plans.

6. personnel changes.

Please send us copies of:

a. orientation or in-service instructions, programs or schedules.

b. announcements of programs or special events.

c. memoranda or instructions issued to FGPs.

d. reports of staff meetings including FGPs.

e. any evaluation of program.

f. agency newsletter.

g. publicity inv. FGPs.

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM
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FGP NEWSLETTER
INFORMATION REPORTING FORM

In order to expedite the receipt of information on program activities, the Foster Grandparent Program has designed this form. Please complete and return to Mrs. Breland when reporting news events. Be certain to indicate whether this is information being reported or news coverage requested.

What ____________________

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Where ____________________

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Why ____________________

____

When ____________________

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Who (Names of key persons involved - chairmen, president, guest speaker, etc.)

____

____

Item being reported on or news coverage requested? ____________

Reported by ____________

Agency ____________

Date ____________

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
"Program Operations Division"

FROM THE DESK OF: Joan Breland

MEMORANDUM

TO: FGPS AND SUPERVISORS

DATE: 5/28/70

CONCERNING: WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR FGPS

The question of compensation for injuries to FGPS while on the job has come up on several occasions. We are therefore sending this memo outlining the procedure to be followed in case of such injury. FGPS are covered by Workmen's Compensation carried by C.E.O. Claim forms can be obtained from whatever Doctor or Hospital treats the FGP for the injury or from Workmen's Compensation Claims Division, 740 Superior Avenue. When completely filled in, mail to FGP at C.E.O., and we will process the claim from that point.

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
"Program Operations Division"

FROM THE DESK OF: Joan Breland

MEMORANDUM

TO: FOSTER GRANDPARENTS AND SUPERVISORS DATE: March 25, 1970

CONCERNING: SENIOR CONFERENCE

We would encourage all fostergrandparents who are interested to attend the conference described in the enclosed announcement. Those attending will be paid for four hours of work as if at their agency plus 70¢ carfare. We are sure those attending will find this most beneficial and we hope to see all of you there.

Please tear off, fill in and return the registration blank below in enclosed envelope

"SENIORS SEEK SOLUTIONS" CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CARD

Name________________________________ Phone______________________________

Address_______________________________ Zip Code________________________

The workshop I would like to attend is:

First Choice________________________________
(Print the name of the workshop)

Second Choice________________________________
(Print the name of the workshop)

____ I will buy a lunch

____ I will not buy a lunch

____ $1.50 is enclosed (Make checks payable to Senior's of Ohio, Inc.)

____ I will pay the day of the conference

Call in reservations before 2:00 P.M. Friday March 27, 1970 at 696-9077 Ext. 218

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
"Program Operations Division"
FROM THE DESK OF: Joan Breland

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS **DATE:** 2/26/70

CONCERNING: HOME & FLOWER SHOW TICKETS

For the third year, the Foster Grandparent Program has requested and received tickets to the home and flower show courtesy of Mr. Francis Coy, president of the May Company. We are distributing these tickets now so that you may go at whatever time is most convenient for you between February 28 and March 8. We hope you enjoy this experience.

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
"Program Operations Division"
FROM THE DESK OF: Joan Breland

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL DIRECTORS
SUPERVISORS,
HEADTEACHERS

DATE: June 25, 1970

CONCERNING: REMINDER TO FGP SUPERVISORS
ATTENDING 6/23/70 C.E.O. MEETING.
INFORMATION FOR THOSE ABSENT

On June 23, 1970 meeting with supervisors from Bessie Benner and Phillis Wheatley, Director of Bessie Benner and Project Director of Community United Headstart met with C.E.O. Older Persons Coordinator and Assistant and FGP Projector Director.

After discussion, it was decided to have all supervisors with the exception of Headstart mail FGP time cards to C.E.O. every other Friday, beginning June 26, 1970. Headstart FGPs will mail the time cards themselves directly and pick up their checks in person the following Thursday.

The second item of business discussed was pertinent parts of the FGP guide sent by H.E.W. The FGP Project Director will X-rox copies and mail to supervisors soon.

Thirdly, regular monthly meetings with all supervisors, staff meetings and inservice training of all FGPs were discussed. These will be discussed further at annual conferences at agencies in July.

Fourth and most important review teams from H.E.W. will be evaluating the FGP program in Cleveland at agencies, interviewing FGPs in July. Dates to be sent when known.

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fostergrandparents
DATE: April 17, 1970

CONCERNING: Increased Transportation Allowqnce and Senior Citizen Month Activity

We are pleased to advise you that beginning 4/24/70 your daily travel allowance will be increased from 70 to 80¢.

We would like your opinion as to what activity you prefer the FGP Program to plan in celebration of Senior Citizen's Month in May. We are sorry that the Dinner at the Telephone Co. suggested by one of our FGPs at our planning committee meeting is now limited to children's school groups and business tours. We would appreciate it if you would check which of the suggestions below you would prefer or add one of your own in the blank provided. Will you please have your blank filled out and available when paychecks are delivered Friday 4/24/70.

________ Live Long and Like it Luncheon and Program Monday May 11 at Higbee's

________ Pot Luck Smorgesborg and Human Relations Group Discussion (date and place open)

________ Pancake Breakfast and Child Development Workshops (date and place open)

________ Other Suggestion____

Suggested date, place and time for any other than LL and LitI.________________

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND
"Program Operations Division"

FROM THE DESK OF: Joan Breland

MEMORANDUM

TO:

DATE: 5/28/70

CONCERNING: REPORT ON PROJECT EVE SPEECH
ADULT EDUCATION MEETING 4/16/70

The speakers were Lynn H. Sikora, Director of Project EVE, Cuyahoga Community College and Katherine B. Shurteff, Coodinator. Continuing Education of Women, Cleveland College, Case-Western Reserve.

The points made by Mrs. Shurteff were that we are currently engaged in a Women Power Movement. Women now have better health, live longer, use birth control and are entering the scientific and technical fields. With the advances in homemaking equipment, housework takes less time. With the rising cost of living and rising educational levels, there is more need for trained workers. The notion is being dispelled that children will become delinquent if the Mother works outside home. More women are going to work after their children are reared.

Mrs. Sykora described EVE as an adult woman's counseling center. 11,000 women in Cleveland have been served since 1966. Ohio has one of the most restrictive protective legislation for women. Restricting hours and types of work women can engage in.

When "sex" was added to the Civil Rights Statute, women's groups began to pressure to change state laws on the status of women. The fact that so many women are returning to school as a preparation for employment has diminished the demand for cultural courses and reduced the number of volunteers available in the community.

Traditional jobs for the untrained such as clerks, etc., are no longer available because of self-service stores computers.

65% of all jobs will be in the service or health fields in the 1970's.

A question raised is what will happen to the women employees in a shrinking economy.

The average age of women workers today is 42. Companies have found that a 40 year old woman is better employment risk than younger women, as their children are all in school and they have 10-15 good working years ahead of them.

MEMO TO FGPs

The FGP program is sponsoring a bus to the Governor's Conference on Aging, June 3, 1970. The cost of the round trip bus will be paid for by the program.

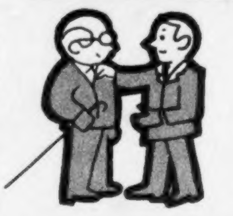
The only cost to the FGPs will be $2.00, if you wish to attend the luncheon. If you bring your own lunch there is no charge for the program. Our bus will leave from the Greyhound Bus Station, 13th and Chester, at 7:00 A.M. arrive in Columbus at 10:00. It will leave Columbus at 4:30 P.M. and arrive in Cleveland at 7:30.

Fact sheet about Conference is enclosed. If you wish to attend please fill out the registration form and return to FGP program. We will send all reservations in together by May 27. If you cannot attend please let us know so that we may fill your place on the bus with a former or prospective FGP.

June 3 & 4, 1970

Veterans Memorial
Auditorium, Columbus
300 West Broad Street

THEME:
"Seniors in the '70's"



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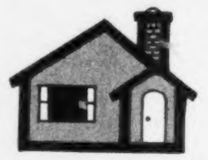

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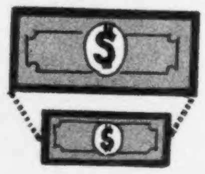

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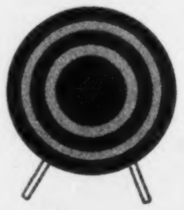

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REGISTRATION FORM

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STREET ADDRESS ______________________ CITY ______________________ ZIP ______________________

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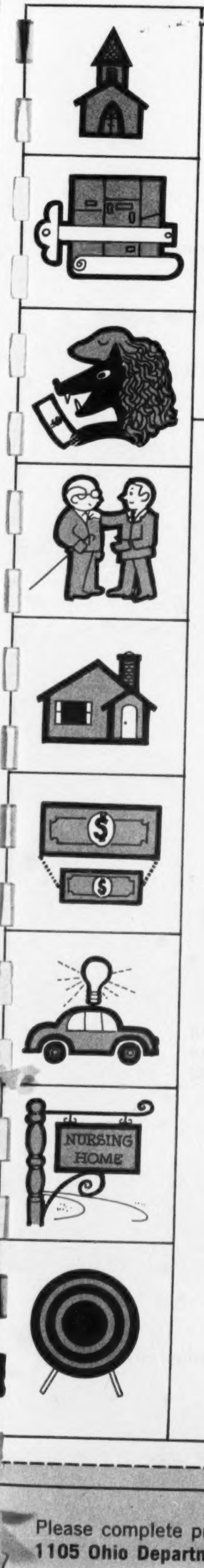

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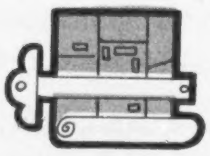

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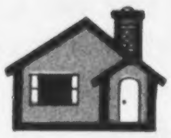

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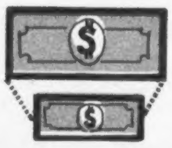

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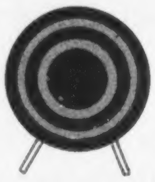

Your Senior Center: Bullseye — or Near-Miss?

NOTE: The Neil House is holding rooms for participants. Please make reservations early; contact hotel directly.

JUNE 4

10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Luncheon: $1.75. Reservation and payment required in advance.

Program: Address by **Peter A. Dickinson;** Diamond Wedding Jubilee; workshop recommendations; review of Ohio's program on aging; Showcase of Imaginative Programs.

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The workshops that I wish to attend are (two may be checked):

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☐ **Senior Centers**
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CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS should be made payable to the Governor's Conference on Aging. Send to Mrs. Rose Papier, Coordinator, Division of Administration on Aging, Ohio Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction, 1105 Ohio Departments Bldg., Columbus, Ohio 43215. Luncheon tickets will be sent to you by mail. Deadline for reservations is May 27.

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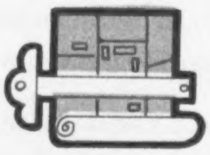

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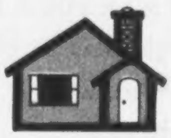

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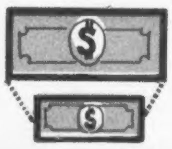

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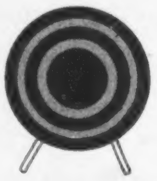

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REPORT OF 1970 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON AGING

On Wednesday, June 3, 1970 the FGP project sponsored a bus trip for all the FGPs to the Governor's Conference on Aging at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio. 31 of the 38 FGPs made the trip. The other 6 spaces on the bus were made available to Golden Agers from Phillis Wheatley and Unity. Refreshments on the bus trip were made available by Mr. Carl Fazio, FGP Advisory Committee member. The theme of the conference was "Seniors in the 70's." The morning session featured entertainment and an address by John B. Martin, United States Commissioner on Aging, who discussed the functions of AoA in working with other Governmental Departments on problems of aged.

The FGPs picked up a wealth of material from the display tables in the lobby of the auditorium on retirement, golden age activities and were particularly pleased with the fact that 8 x 10 pictures of the FGP program were featured on a display of Senior's of Ohio,Cleveland based organization of Senior Citizens. Following lunch,the FGPs went to 2 of the 18 workshops. A poll taken by the FGP director indicated that the most popular workshops with the FGPs was 1. Senior Centers, 2. Housing, 3. Church and 4. Elderly parents and adult children. The FGP director attended workshops on Inflation and Community Planning. Miss Dorothy McCamman, Consultant on Economics, United States Senate Special Committee on Aging,was the speaker. She showed slides showing the effect of inflation on Social Security recipients. Two resource persons from Social Security and Aid for the Aged spoke on their programs following the main talk. Questions concerned Social Security, Homestead exemptions, retired teachers and public employees. The FGP project director asked about Railroad Retirement plans preventing the employment of the elderly and making union benefit increases retroactive to those already retired.

The second workshop on Community planning featured a dynamic speaker Bernard Nash, formerly associated with the National FGP program, now with AARP. He discussed the aging process in its various components and differing needs and the social philosophy of aging. During the question period various guests described programs concerning training in gerontology in the Cleveland area. Mr. Nash ended his presentation with a discussion of the psychological needs of the elderly and how to meet them.

Report of 1970 Governor's Conference on Aging

In the evening a reception and dance was scheduled for the conferees at Harley Terrace Golden Age Village in Columbus. The FGP director attended and it was a great disappointment, as no attempt was made to entertain, greet or notice guests at all.

The morning session of the second day of the conference featured a salute to a Ohio couple married 75 years. This was most impressive. Following lunch,summary reports of all the workshops were given by the workshop chairmen. The Editor of Harvest magazine next spoke on Senior Power, the Homestead Exemption, the White House Conference on Aging and retirement needs. The next item on the program was a Showcase of Imaginative ideas for senior groups. 7 projects were chosen for awards including 2 from Greater Cleveland area, driver evaluation program for senior citizens and sight saving outreach program of Cleveland Society for the Blind. Others were Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Consumer Fraud series, oil painting and community service joint project, wheelchair dancing and Senior Citizen Showcase. This is one of the most interesting items of the conference in the opinion of the FGP director.

The conference adjourned at 3:30 P.M. Byproducts of the conference of benefit to FGPs were an opportunity to confer with Golden Age Director from Phillis Wheatley and Friendly Inn about activities which the FGPs might wish to participate in.

SHOWCASE OF IMAGINATIVE PROGRAM IDEAS

Presented June 4, 1970
Governor's Conference on Aging

Barton Center, 14300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Mrs. C.H. Arnesen, Coordinator of Activities.

A driver evaluation program for senior citizens of the west side of Cleveland was established in 1966. It enables older people to learn what, if any, driving shortcomings they might have and whether or not they should stop driving. It includes a written exam, road test and examinations of vision and reaction time.

Cleveland Society for the Blind, 1909 East 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Mrs. Mildred Sindell, Coordinator, Geriatric Case Finding.

This pilot project seeks out people 60 and over with failing sight who may not be aware of the help available. Working with nursing homes, senior clubs and centers and social agencies, these people with serious visual problems are encouraged to utilize the services of the Cleveland Sight Center.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission, 325 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. William DeJonckheere, Supervisor, Senior Citizens Division.

The Recreation Commission has established the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. All organized senior groups in the Cincinnati area select a man and a woman for the Hall of Fame, based on their contributions to community life since retirement. This is a perpetual roll of honor, with a new class added each year.

Dayton Senior Citizens' Center, 105 South Wilkinson Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. Mrs. Margaret Lloyd, Executive Director; Lucy V. Fogg, Program Director.

This series of 13 sessions helped older people to adjust to their specific consumer problems. It covered fraudulant practices, health quackery, insurance, estate planning, use of credit, investments and homes for the aged. Discussion periods followed each presentation.

Heritage House, Jewish Home for the Aged, 1151 College Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209. Gerald N. Cohn, Executive Director.

Residents of Heritage House and members of the Golden Age Club of the Columbus Jewish Center meet together two days a week for an oil painting workshop and a community service workshop. Heritage House residents feel that they are useful and productive, and club members have a more positive approach toward the home.

Lutheran Senior City, 977 North Parkview Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Miss Rosmarie Lattimer, Director of resident life and activities.

Care and residential patients participate in wheelchair square and round dancing. A set is made up of eight people in wheelchairs and eight pushers as they go through regular square dance formations. They also do wheelchair round dancing with two able-bodied people and a wheelchair patient.

Southwest Council of Senior Citizen Organizations, Mrs. Betty Clausen, Southwest Senior Center, 9275 North Church Drive, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130, or Mrs. Donna Smallwood, Parma Sixty Plus, City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio 44129.

Thirteen senior citizen groups from the southwest area of Cuyahoga County make up the Council which sponsors the annual Senior Citizen Showcase at Parmatown Mall. This three-day event includes demonstrations, entertainment, displays bringing the activities of the area's senior citizens to the attention of the entire community.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT

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GRADUATION CEREMONIES

AT THE

CUYAHOGA SAVINGS BUILDING
COMMUNITY ROOM
EAST 9th AT ST. CLAIR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1970 11:00 A.M.

COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER CLEVELAND

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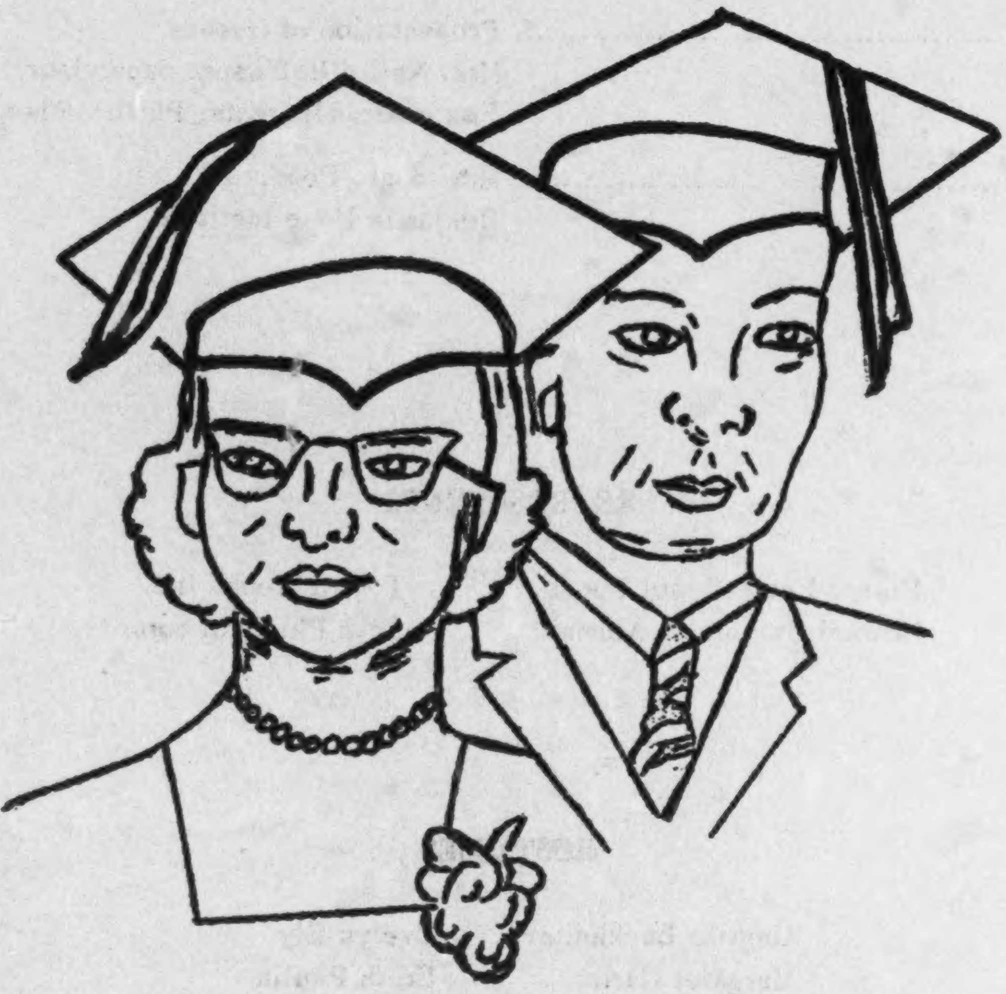
Foster Grandparents
Graduation Program



Friday, January 30, 1970 – 11:00 A.M.
in the
Community Room Lower Level

Place: Cuyahoga Savings Bank Building, 1 Erieview Plaza
East 9th & St. Clair

Presiding..Paul Corey, Clerk of the Board
Cuyahoga County Commissioners

Hostess..Presentation of Guests
Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Supervisor,
Foster Grandparents, Phillis Wheatley Assoc.

Speaker..Mrs. Sonia Benderoff,
Benjamin Rose Institute

REFRESHMENTS

Fisher-Fazio-Costa Foods
Howard University Alumni
Tots & Teens Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

HOSTESSES

Gentile Buckhalter
Margaret Carter
Evelyn Ely
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Graduation Caps:	Courtesy of the residents of the A.M. McGreg Home and Miss Margaret Mulac.
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FOSTER GRANDPARENT GRADUATES

Burton, Ollie
Delgado, Herminio
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Hudson, Ethel
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Johnson, Alleyne
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Lukasko, Andrew
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The Foster Grandparent Program employs elderly men and women of low income to work with neglected or handicapped children within institutions.

It is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Participating Agencies

Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's Center
Council of Churches Headstart
Merrick House Settlement & Day Nursery
Phillis Wheatley Association
Rosemary Johanna Grasselli Rehabilitation & Education Center
Society for Crippled Children

FGP EVALUATION OF JANUARY 1970 TRAINING PROGRAM

On Thursday, January 29, 1970 after 9 days of training and tours for 4 hours per day, the 20 FGP trainees were given 2 sheets of blank paper and asked to evaluate the training program, 6 of the 20 were already working as FGPs, but had not been through a training program before being placed (last training having been January, 1968 and the list of 26 trained at that time having been exhausted.) Of the 20, 6 were male, 14 female. Ages ranged from 60 to 76. Comments follow:

The 3 tours of host agencies with movies were enjoyed and mentioned by most trainees.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATIONS, JANUARY 1970

The talk by a nurse and movie at M.G. were especially lauded. The trainees enjoyed the Social Security talk, and new ideas on child development. Those already working at Headstart enjoyed seeing the toys at other nursery schools. The talks cleared confusion about Medicaire. One constructive critisism voiced was that the trainees all wanted to talk at once and were rude to each other. They needed to be better controlled by the chairman.

The FGP mentioned the benefits of the FGP program to the children, the community and the elderly, their success with the children appreciation on being able to put into practise what they learned. Trainees stated that the training program gave confidence to elderly and created mental alertness.

The Project Director was complimented on organization of the program by many trainees as was the CEO Executive Director Findley who brought greetings.

One FGP stated she learned to take time to get acquainted with children, not to rush in reaching for them, to respect them, give them love and to praise their work. She felt the training helped her to do better on the job each day with the children.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION - JANUARY 1970

One FGP learned about entertaining children from Mrs. Steroh. She found the Sousa room at Society interesting and enjoyed group discussion on health of elderly at M. H. especially - discussions of well balanced meals, exercise, company to avoid depression.

Constructive criticism by one trainee was that more days should have been taken up in child training rather than so much on the elderly's problems.

The Open Door

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AGENCY TOT SCHOOL BOOSTS TRAINING SESSION

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FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM GRADUATES 20

Twenty future Foster Grandparents received diplomas in a graduation ceremony Friday, January 30, in the Cuyahoga Savings Bank Building Community Room, ending two weeks of training.

Most of these senior citizens will be held in reserve as qualified Foster Grandparents ready to fill vacancies occurring over the next program year beginning February 1. Several will be placed immediately.

Sonja Benderoff, chief caseworker of Benjamin Rose Institute, was guest speaker for the graduation services. Paul Corey, Clerk of the Board, Cuyahoga County Commissioners, is chairman of the FGP Advisory Board and was moderator of Graduation Day.

Group discussion subjects and leaders presented during training were:

Meaning Of Being A FGP
  Marion Warren, UAW Retirement Center Director
  Norma Wisor, CARE Director
Practical Child Development
  Hazel Stroh, Director of the Day Nursery Association
Foster Grandparents At Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's Center
  Mary Connelly, Supervisor, Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's Center
Headstart Curriculum
  Frances Turner, Educational Director of Head Start
Clinic Services For The Elderly
  Catherine Dwyer, Nurse, Riverview
Social Security & Medicare
  David Burman, Field Representative of the Social Security Administration
Safety For Seniors
  Milton Bowman, Vice President, Safety Council
Income Taxes For Seniors
  Leonard Kleinman, Internal Revenue Agent
Golden Age Centers Of Cleveland
  Hyman Fishman, Golden Age Center on Ansel Road
Senior Information Center
  Mary Vadas, Director, Senior Information Center
Employment Practices
  Lucille Brody, Ohio State Bureau of Employment
Grooming For Employment
  Artha Woods, Community Relations Specialist, Ohio Bell Telephone Co.
Intergroup Relationships
  Francis Murray, Director of Youth Council on Human Relations

Foster Grandparent Graduates are: Ollie Burton, Herminio Delgado, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Hill, Ethel Hudson, Elsie Jackson, Alleyne Johnson, Carl Johnson, Andrew Lukasko, Henrietta Nowacki, Clara O'Kelly, Ida Roberts, Claire Robinson, Glenn Royer, Irma Stroemple, Anna Walker, Susie Washington, Mattie Westberry, Leona White and Ida Young.

Mrs. Joan Breland directs the Foster Grandparent program for CEO.

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FOSTER GRANDPARENT MIXER A HAPPY OCCASION

FGP's make plans for their Goblin Mixer held October 31st, Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel. Standing; Mrs. Mary O'Palka and Mr. William Hesseman. Seated left to right; Mrs. Jeffalonie Allison, Mrs. Ethel Hesseman; Mrs. Julia Mills Brook; Mrs. Alberta Hendricks; Mrs. Cleo Manley and Martha E. Harn.

Thirty-four of the thirty-eight Foster Grandparents were ble to attend a full-day session of information and fun this ast October 31st in the English Room of Sheraton Cleveland Hotel. The event was the FGP Mixer which began that orning with a Seminar on Safety under the direction of Sam kerotas, General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council. Included in the lecture given by Mr. Skerotas was a 30 minute color film on accident prevention. Milton Bowan, vice-president of the Safety Council in charge of Senor Citizen Safety, spoke briefly on sight conservation. Certificates promoting safety among Senior Citizens, were warded those who attended at the end of the morning's eeting.

Lunch at the Kon Tiki proved to have been a real gay me for the Seniors despite some consternation about safety'' in the dimly lighted atmosphere of the Kon Tiki.

At the party, Mrs. Lois Filipic was mistress of ceremonies and introduced guests: Mrs. Mazzilee Jackson, former oster Grandparent Program Project Director; Norma Wisor, irector of Project CARE; 4 VISTA's; Jean Marsal of Administration on Aging – Cleveland Office; Mr. Richard Sidell, director of Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's enter; and Judge Lillian Burke (who acted as one of the judges of the costume march). Two FGP supervisors attended, also – Nellie Robinson from Phillis Wheatley, Mary onnelly from Bessie Benner and Evelyn Hinkle from Fairfax Recreation Center Headstart.

Mr. Roy Loucks, formerly an FGP but now a Senior Organizer, brought song sheets and Mr. George Horton from Bohn Golden Age Center led community singing. Mrs. Gentile Buckhalter served as a hostess and Mrs. Marian Warren, Clara Walters and Hyman Fishman were judges of costumes. Prize winners were Bill Hesseman, Bessie Benner; Arlie Massengale, former FGP at Rosemary; and, Ozella James, Merrick House.

Eleven FGP Advisory Committee Members attended along with special groups of guests from Project CARE, Bohn Golden Age Center and UAW Retiree Center.

The Tony Cardoni Combo provided music through the courtesy of the Cleveland Federation of Musicians Trust Fund, Local # 4.

Paul Corey, advisory committee chairman passed out Awards for Service to all Foster Grandparents.

An election among the FGP's for representatives for 1970 on the Planning and Evaluation Committee resulted in the following being named:

William Hesseman	Bessie Benner
Ethel Hudson	Garden Valley Headstart
Beulah Kenlock	Phillis Wheatley
Hazel Bartz	Rosemary Johanna Grasselli
Grace Allen	Society for Crippled Children
Ozella James	Merrick House

Door prizes were collected and distributed by John Riley, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Vanik.

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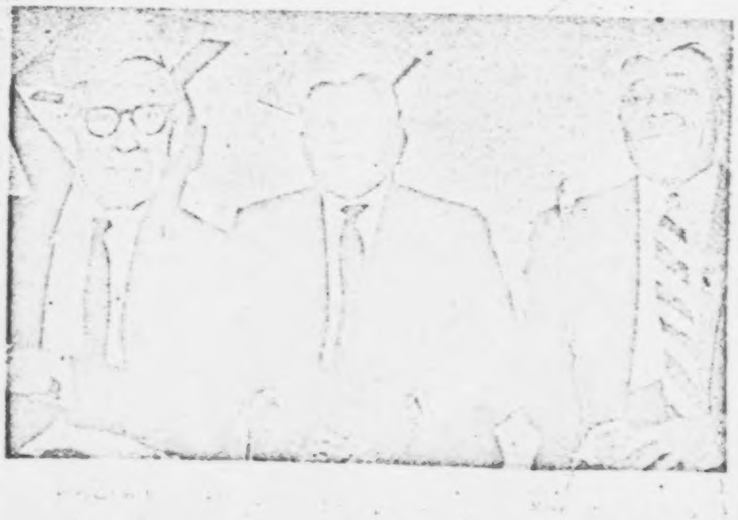
Golden Agers Graduate As Foster Grandparents

By CARLOTTA WASHINGTON

Twenty more of Cleveland's golden agers graduated to join the dedicated cadre of Foster Grandparents, trained by the Council for Economic Opportunities, to extend the warmth and affection characteristic of that older set to children in institutions.

The graduation ceremony was presided over by Joan T. Bréland, co-ordinator. Principle speaker was Mrs. Sonia Benderoff of Benjamin Rose Institute. Serving as hostess and introducing guests was Evelynne Ely, member of the advisory committee.

FOUR GENERATIONS -- Watching grandma graduate as a foster grandparent are four generations of the family. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. William Allyn Davis, Mrs. Alleyne Johnson, graduate; Joy Davis, baby, and Mrs. Alberta Davis.



FOSTER GRANDPAS -- These three men were among the graduating Foster Grandparent class. They are (from left to

For two weeks prior to graduating, the 20 students were briefed on their impending duties. Among those who greeted or brought messages to the group were: Ralph Findley, CEO director; David Walker, deputy director; Hazel Bartz, foster grandparent; Marion Warren, United Auto Workers Center; Norma Wisor, CARE director, and Jack Krauskopf, deputy director Mayor's Committee on Human Resources.

Graduating senior citizens were: Ollie Burton, Herminio Delgado, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Hill, Ethel Hudson, Elsie Jackson, Alleyne Johnson, Carl Johnson, Andrew Lukasko, Henrietta Nowacki, Clara O'Kelly, Ida Roberts, Claire Robinson, Glenn Royer, Irma Stroemple. Ann Walker, Susie Washington, Mattie Westberry, Leona White and Ida Young.

Foster Grandparents was established to help elderly people who have little income to serve dependent, neglected, helpless and emotionally insecure children from infancy to adolescence. Elderly men and women must be at least 60 years of age or older and have income less than $1600. In the program the foster grandparent is paid hourly and transportation is provided to and from the host organization.

Participating host agencies are: Bessie Brenner Metzenbaum Children's Center, Council of Churches Headstart, Merrick House Settlement and Day Nursery, Phillis Wheatley Assn., Rosemary Johanna Graselli Rehabilitation and Education Center, and Society for Crippled Children.

Other speakers during the two-week training period were: Hazel Stroh, practical child development; Mary Connelly, Bessie Brenner Metzenbaum Center; Frances Turner, Headstart curriculum; Catherine Dwyer, nurse, "Clinic Services for the Elderly;" Lois Filipic, Cleveland Metropolitan Housing

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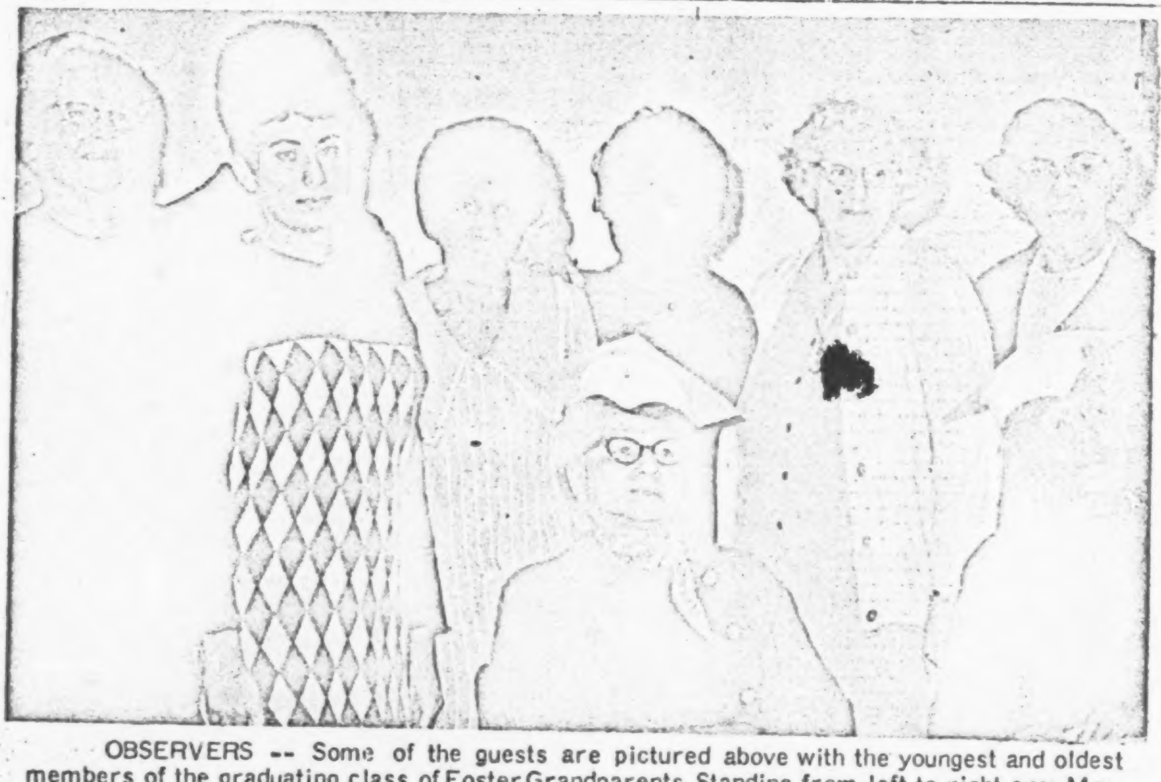

OBSERVERS -- Some of the guests are pictured above with the youngest and oldest members of the graduating class of Foster Grandparents. Standing from left to right are: Mrs. Sonja Benderoff of Benjamin Rose Institute, guest speaker for the ceremony; Susan Haas, Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Home; Mrs. Antoine Davis and Mrs. Alberta Davis, guests; Mrs. Evelynne Ely, Foster Grandparent Advisory Council and hostess, and Mrs. Mildred Niles, guest; seated from left, Mrs. Clara Robinson, youngest, and Mrs. Susie Washington, eldest, of the graduates.

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FGP 1970 Training Program

Training Sessions held at Cuyahoga Savings Bank Building- 1 Erieview Plaza E. 9th. & St. Clair

MONDAY -- Jan. 19. ORIENTATION & GET ACQUAINTED, GREETINGS
Ralph Findley, CEO Director
David Walker, Deputy Director
Hazel Bartz, Foster Grandparent

Tuesday - Jan. 20 GROUP DISCUSSION- MEANING OF BEING A FGP
IDEAS ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DISCUSSION LEADERS: Marion Warren, UAW RETIREMENT CENTER DIRECTOR
Norma Wisor, CARE Director

WEDNESDAY-Jan. 21 TOUR - SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
11001 Buckeye Road

THURSDAY -Jan. 22 CHAIRMAN - Jack Krauskopf, Deputy Director - Mayor's Committe on Human Resources

SPEAKERS:
9:30 A.M. Hazel Stroh, PRACTICAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT
10:00 A.M. Mary Connelly, Foster Grandparents at Bessie Benner
Metzenbaum Children's Center
11:00 A.M. Frances Turner, Headstart Curriculum
11:30 A.M. Maggie Phillips,Former FGP at Bessie Benner

FRIDAY - Jan. 23 TOUR - MERRICK HOUSE SETTLEMENT & DAY NURSERY - Erma Sharp, Supervisor
1050 Starkweather
Chairman-John Riley-Assistant to Congressman Vanik
SPEAKER: Catherine Dwyer, Nurse "Clinic Services for the Elderly"

Hostesses

Evelynne Ely
Nellie Robinson

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Gentile Buckhalter
Margaret Carter
Evelyn Ely

Bertha Falkowski
Edith Paulin
Nellie Robinson

Refreshments

Fisher Fazio Costa Foods
Howard University Alumni Assoc.
Tots and Teens Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

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2nd WEEK

FGP 1970 Training Program

MONDAY - - Jan. 26 CHAIRMAN - Lois Filipic, Member Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Board

SENIOR INFORMATION DAY
9:30 A.M. David Burman, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE
10:00 A.M. Milton Bowman, SAFETY FOR SENIORS
11:00 A.M. Leonard Kleinman, "Income taxes for Seniors"

TUESDAY - Jan. 27 CHAIRMAN - Bertha Falkowski, Member, FGP Advisory Committee

GOLDEN AGE ACTIVITIES
10:30 A.M. Hyman Fishman, Golden Age Center of Cleveland
11:00 A.M. Mary Vadas, SENIOR INFORMATION CENTER
11:30 A.M. Edward Wojniak, Golden Age Center of Cleveland

WEDNESDAY - Jan. 28 TOUR - PHILLIS WHEATLEY ASSOCIATION
4450 Cedar

GROUP DISCUSSION - Nellie Robinson, FGP Supervisor

THURSDAY - Jan. 29 EVALUATION JOAN T. BRELAND FGP PROJECT DIRECTOR

EMPLOYMENT
9:30 A.M. Lucille Brody, "Employment Practices"
10:30 A.M. Artha Woods, "Grooming for Employment"
11:00 A.M. FRANCIS MURRAY Intergroup Relationships

FRIDAY - Jan. 30 SONIA BENDEROFF BENJAMIN ROSE INSTITUTE- Speaker

- GRADUATION

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THE PHILLIS WHEATLEY ASSOCIATION EXTENDS ITS SERVICES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS THROUGH THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROJECT

Mrs. Beulah Kenlock Kimberly Taylor

Foster Grandparents Program is a two-way street leading to happier elderly residents and happier more secure children. Through this program elderly residents of the Greater Cleveland area 60 years or more who have an interest in children, willing to serve, and ability to accept supervision work with children needing a "spur" to their growth.

In the five target social planning areas, hildren from infancy to adolescence will e helped by the grandparents to become ecure and self-sufficient, and to develop mentally, culturally, emotionally, socially, and educationally. For many children this will be the first time they have been out of the home in a new group situation. The new experiences will give them confidence in their ability to make friends, will teach them how to play with others, will increase their vocabulary, and expand their general knowledge about the world around them. In some instances it will be the first time they have been closely associated with thoughtful, understanding, and interested "grandparents". This project is also a community service designed to meet the special and unique needs of the elderly.

The Phillis Wheatley Association grandparents come from a cross-section of Cleveland with varied experiences, religious and ethnic backgrounds. Great enrichment will be provided the children through this program. The school is operated five days a week with two sessions daily, 10-12 noon and 1-3 P.M.

We say it is a two-way street because in actuality the chief beneficiaries of the program will be both the young and the old: the old by providing meaningful paid employment, development of skills, and job creation; the young by providing opportunity for emotional satisfaction, the learning of social skills, and the development of self-identity, self-confidence, and self-reliance.

The major purpose of the Foster Grandparents Program is to supply each participating child 2 hours per day of individual contact with an adult, the Foster Grandparent working 4 hours per day in the project will be able to devote 2 hours to each of two children.

Foster grandparents were selected from among those who have known and cared for young children in the past, have enjoyed the experience, and wanted to continue being with and caring for children.

LUNCH BELL RINGS FOR TOT SCHOOL CHILDREN

Tot school children are enjoying a hot lunch each day in the Josephine Kohler Day Care Center. This program is serving as an integral part of our educational training for the Tot schoolers. Children now are beginning to communicate more freely during the lunch hour.

Parents are stimulated in Parent Education Meetings toward an emphasis on foods and their meaning to family happiness and well-being. Such ideas as the following are brought out.

1. Offer food so that it is attractive to children.
2. Have a pleasant atmosphere at meals.
3. Help children learn to like the food their bodies need.
4. Accept some "spills" as a part of children's eating.
5. Serve food in forms easy for children to eat.
6. Make family meals enjoyable by having meals at regular times.
7. Serve well-prepared tasty foods.
8. Set an attractive table.
9. Encourage good table manners and eating in a relaxed, happy atmosphere.

The Tot feeding is aided by two Foster Grandparents, one Project Care worker, and mothers volunteering two and three hours per week.

The future glow seem bright for our Tot school and its growth.

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PARENTS WORK WITH TOT SCHOOL PROGRAM

One of the goals realized in the Tot School Program is that of parent participation. With careful planning, parents have assisted in several events which added greatly to the success and enjoyment of the program. Most recently, parents helped with the Easter program for the tots, an event which all will remember for some time to come.

The Tot School Program involves grandparents in the leadership role with specific tots in morning and afternoon sessions as part of the Office of Economic Opportunities Foster Grandparents Program. For the pre-Easter event, the foster grandmothers and Neighborhood Youth Corps workers designed and created bonnets for the girl tots and foster grandfathers made ties for the boy tots. Tots helped to select the cheerful Spring colors that went into these lovely creations. Mothers brought in eggs and candies to fill the baskets which the children had assisted in making.

The big surprise of the day was the delivery of a huge basket containing a stuffed bunny with small chicks and eggs around him and many small baskets of eggs and candy for each tot enrollee. This lovely surprise was sent to our children by a longtime friend, Mrs. Dorothy Lowe. All of us are grateful to Mrs. Lowe.

Romper room play, including games, singing, and dancing was followed by a parade which led to the Blue Room where the individual baskets and above gifts were arranged at tables for them. Fresh flowers from a foster grandparent provided a delightful atmosphere for this setting. Continuing with singing and games for a while, the children soon were caught up in the anticipation of an exciting holiday ahead. Parents were in attendance throughout the program assisting where needed. At the end of a joyful time, parents and tots bade all farewell.

Staff responsible for this lovely event are Mrs. Nellie Robinson, supervised by Mrs. Beulah Danner.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

10th Meeting
January 14, 1970
12:00 Noon

Lucia Bing Golden Age Center
2320 East 30th Street

I Approval October 8, 1969 Minutes

II Greetings - Nancy Mathias

III Planning for FGP Training Program

IV CEO's Project CARE Concerned Action
Relating to Elderly - Norma Wisor Coordinator

V Tour of Lucia Bing Center

VI Adjournment.

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FGP Advisory Committee Minutes
January 14, 1970

Paul Corey Presiding'

Attendance:

Joan Breland
Gentile Buckhalter
Mary Connelly
Beulah Danner
Beatrice Martin
John Riley
Nellie Robinson
Mary Vadas
Marion Warren

The advisory committee members assembled at 12:00 P.M. at the Lucia Bing Golden Age Center and proceeded to Jane Addams High School for lunch. Miss Nancy Matthias of Lucia Bing Center greeted the members on their return and briefly described the center operation. The main speaker of the meeting was Mrs. Norma Wisor, Director of Project CARE(Concerned Action Relating to the Elderly). She spoke on the problems of the elderly in Cleveland which led to the development of Project CARE. Mrs. Wisor described the initial training that the Senior Organizers (as the CARE workers are called) receive and where and how they serve senior organizations. She pointed out that the CARE workers are part of a team in the 6 target areas concerned with health, transportaion, information and other problems of the elderly. Referrals are made when required to other community agencies. Mrs. Wisor also described the work of the VISTA Volunters with the elderly in Cleveland, as well as other projects in the offing such as older persons to work with delinquent youngsters.

The business portion of the meeting continued following Mrs. Wisor's talk with Mr. Corey presiding. The minutes of the October 8, 1969 meeting were approved with a correction as to Mr. Porter's affiliation. Mrs. Joan Breland next gave a tentative outline of the new FGP Training Program scheduled for Jan 19-23 and Jan. 26-30 at Cuyahoga Savings Building. Advisory Committee members were requested to serve as chairmen and hostesses for the sessions. An announcement was made that nominatiions for new members of the Advisory Committee would be accepted at the next meeting in April.

Suggestions were made that complementary admissions be requested for the FGPS to the following activities basketball games at CCC, hockey games at the Arena, movies at the Colony, Grotto Circus and the Home and Flower Show. The FGP Director is to contact the persons in charge of these activities. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. for a tour of Lucia Bing Center for those interested.

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MEETING NOTICE

To: FOSTER GRANDPARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

From: Paul Corey, Chairman

Subject: Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 1970 12:00 Noon
Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Childrens Center
3343 Community College Ave. 44115

Lunch will be available at $1.15 at
Jane Addams School
2373 East 30th. St. 44115 12:30 P.M.

Foster Grandparent Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 1970

Name________________ ________________

I will attend______________ I will not attend XX

I plan to eat lunch_________ I do not plan to eat lunch_________

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

11th meeting
April 22, 1970
12:00 Noon

Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's Center

3343 Community College 44115

I. Approval Jan. 14, 1970 Minutes

II Greetings Mr. Richard Sidwell Director Bessie Benner

III Speaker- Esther Test, Director Senior Community Service Aides Project

IV Report on FGP Training Program and Placements- Joan T. Breland

V Nominations for New FGP Advisory Committee Members

VI Tour of Bessie Benner Metzenbaum

VII Adjournment

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FGP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 22, 1970

Paul Corey, Chairman:

Attendance:

Joan Breland
Gertrude Brooks, FGP Sec.
Mary Connelly
Beulah Danner
Evelynne Ely
Lois Filipic
Hyman Fishman
Adolphus Paulin
John Riley
Nellie Robinson
Richard Sidwell, BBM CC, Sup.
Mary Springman
Esther Test, Speaker
Mary Vadas
Alverna Williams

Following lunch at Jane Addams High School, the advisory members assembled at Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Children's Center, 3343 Community College Avenue. Miss Mary Connelly, FGP supervisor at B.B. introduced Mr. Richard Sidwell, B.B. superintendent, who greeted the group and gave a short talk on the history and operation of the center.

Dependent children stay 90 days or less and there are 65 beds for residential emergency care. A thousand times this number are served during the year on a diagnostic basis, to determine the best placement. Some inovative programs described were the crisis intervention teams to keep families together and the emergency homemaker service teams for homes with dependent children and aged.

Mr. Sidwell lauded the FGPs at Bessie Benner for their loyalty, splendid attendance record and service with the children in the play areas, library and special projects. Mr. Sidwell ended his talk with a plea for support for renewal of the welfare levy.

The second speaker of the afternoon was Miss Esther Test, who is the director of the Senior Committee Service program which is housed at CEO's Older Person's Program but sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and National Retired Teachers Association and funded by the Labor Department Cleveland has 52 part-time job slots in Community service agencies for persons over 55 in good health, below the poverty income level. 68 are on the job staff numbers 7. 4 Senior Aides liason to job sites, clerk typist and clerical assistant. Each employee sends in reports monthly to Miss Test.

Some agencies as sites are: Benjamin Rose Institute, Retardation Council, Golden Age Centers, GCNCA Girl Scouts, Merrick House Settlement, Metropolitan Housing Project CARE, Retiree Centers. (A Senior Aide is now GFP Secretary.)

One of the objectives of the program is to get employees off the grant payroll onto an agency or industrial payroll. To accomplish this end, the Cleveland project was gratified to enlist the services of Mr. Earl Heaton in the position of job developer. Mr. Heaton had experience with the State Employment Service and the Veteran Administration placement for returning service men, as well as having operated his own employment service. Mr. Heaton contacts industries and agencies and develops job slots for older people as well as processing employees for jobs. His work so impressed the National office that he was asked to conduct a workshop for directors in the other 6 cities with similar projects.

Due to the length of the two informative talks, the business portion of the Advisory Committee meeting was abbreviated. Minutes of the January 14 meeting were approved as sent with the exception that the name of Mrs. Bertha Falkowski was inserted among those in attendance.

New rosters of Advisory Committee members were passed out containing the names of new members. Frances Turner, Project Director of Headstart replaced Jay Chunn on the committee. Miss Mary Springman, acting supervisor of adult education replaced Fern Long. Harold Agrast replaced Howard Epstein representing Jewish Community Center. Mary Vadas, Ruth Jenkins representing Senior Information. Alverna Williams was appointed Hough Area Representative replacing Samella Carroll and Monsignor McHale no longer represents Catholic Charities. Summations of the placements resulting from the January 1970 Training program were passed out and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M. for a tour of Bessie Benner for those interested. FGPs who arrive for work at Bessie Benner at 3:30 P.M. daily were introduced to those present.

M. Gene Handelsman, Director 6/26/70
Foster Grandparents Program

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ORIENTATION AND IN-SERVICE INSTRUCTION

I. ORIENTATION

A. Objectives - To inform the trainees about

1. Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland and it's programs.
2. Up to date information on child development including what to expect of disturbed, neglected or physically or mentally handicapped children.
3. Facilities in the Cleveland Area to serve the elderly including health care, recreational, information and social service.
4. FGP employment - intergroup relations, grooming and personell practices, duties at FGP host agencies.

B. Curriculum

- a. orientation and get acquainted
- b. group discussion - meaning of FGPs ideas on child development, medical problems of elderly
- c. tours of host agencies
- d. talks on child development
- e. talks on social security, safety for seniors, golden age activities and senior information
- f. movies on preparing for retirement
- g. talks on employment practices, integration, relations and grooming
- h. evaluation and graduation

C. Approach

Informal lectures and group discussions.

D. Physical arrangement

1. 2 weeks each January
   Monday through Friday
   9:30 - 12:30 formal sessions
   12:30 - 1:30 refreshments and socialization
   For graduation - caps and diplomas, schedules of orientation activities
2. Blackboard, tables and chairs, lecturn, large manilla envelopes for materials, note pads and pencils, serving and eating utensils for refreshments.

E. References
1. Many of the speakers brought and distributed materials from their agencies. For example: Social Security booklets, Income Tax forms, golden age center newsletters, child development charts. The FGP director distributed C.E.O. materials, safety folders and consumer fraud guides.
2. Audio visual aids
Many of the speakers used the blackboard. The representative from the Safety Council brought a short film and a case of safety illustrations. The Merrick House FGP supervisors showed films on preparing for retirement during a tour of that host agency and a hostess at Society for Crippled Children showed a film on the rehabilitation program of that agency.
3. Consultants
Resource persons were from retirement centers, day care director, headstart and host agencies, clinic for elderly, social security, internal revenue, golden age centers, senior information center, Ohio Bell Community Relations department, Ohio State Employment Bureau, Council on Human Relations and Benjamin Rose Institute.

F. Evaluation
1. Before the January 1970 training program, FGP representatives met to evaluate prior orientation programs and make suggestions for the upcoming classes. On the 9th day of the program each trainee was asked to write a one-page evaluation of the orientation with suggestions for improvement. The FGP Advisory Committee also evaluated plans before and results after the program.
2. Criteria used are whether objectives set up were met, also whether the trainees enjoyed the experience and benefited from the information offered.

II. IN-SERVICE INSTRUCTION

A. Goals and objectives
1. To help the FGPs understand and better serve the children at the particular host agency.
2. To help the FGPs work more effectively with each other and other members of the host agency staff.

B. Curriculum
Three of the agencies have child development staff meetings on a monthly basis. Two regularly have speakers. Headstart has staff meetings bimonthly and in-service training on the alternate Mondays.

The other two have individual training with the FGPs on a daily basis. At one in working with handicapped children and at the second in arts, crafts, music and children's literature.

C. Approach
Talks and questions and answers, group discussion and films.

D. Physical arrangements
The agencies training is generally at the agency for 1-2 hours, monthly, weekly or daily as indicated in B. The FGP program plans general training for all FGPs during the year. Last year these included a Senior Speakout in 5 areas, an all day seminar on Safety for Seniors. This year a seminar on inter-group relations is planned.

E. Evaluation
Monthly Reports from supervisors are required and evaluated. Criteria - Increased benefit to FGP, FG children and agencies

COMMENTS:

Copies of materials from the Cleveland Project including our diploma are enclosed. On our own, we exchange and communicate with some other FGP projects but having all made available to each will certainly be useful.

Sincerely,

Joan T. Breland,
Project Director
Foster Grandparents Program

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Dear co-workers for humanity:

Do you need help?

There are hundreds of people in the west suburban area who want to become involved. They want to channel their time and money in the most effective way. They need information about groups that are seeking to deal with human problems.

It is our goal to draw together the various opportunities offered and efforts being made so that we can readily provide this information to concerned persons who want to plug in.

May we ask you some question?

1. What is the main purpose or goal of your organization?

2. How are you funded?

   Are funds adequate? Approximate annual budget?

   How much more do you need to do the job you want to do?

3. How many are on your paid staff? Full time:
   Part time:
   How many volunteers work with you?
   How many volunteers could you effectively use?

4. Do you feel that you are effective?
   What is your greatest need just now?

5. To avoid duplication of effort and to provide for the most efficient use of resources, do you belong to some kind of coordinating association of groups like your own?

   If you do belong to such an association, what is it?
   Name:
   Address:

   If you do not belong to such an association, do you feel that one would be helpful?

6. Would you please put us on your mailing list?

7. Would you please give us the name of the key person in your group?
   Name: Phone:
   Address:

8. Could you suggest other organizations that we could plug into?

Please mail this in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by February 25th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

June 18, 1970

Resource for Social Change
Research Task Force
3760 Dover Center Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Gentlemen:

1. The main purpose of FGPs is to give employment opportunities to older persons who need to supplement their income and to provide loving care to deprived or handicapped children.

2. We are funded by the Department of Health Education and Welfare.

   Funds are adequate for the salaries of the number of FGPs allotted Cleveland (38). Budget from Federal funds was $97,746 for last year. We would love to employ more FGPs. We could easily place double the number, if funds were available. AA 5% budget cut for this year forced elimination of many features which would have enhanced our program, such as free annual physical examinations, free lunch for Governor's Conference on Aging, lunch and carfare for marginal income elderly who would like to volunteer as FGPs and other such items.

3. Paid staff is director and secretary full time. We have two (2) volunteers. We could use many more effectively as FGPs at least fifteen (15) or more.

4. The program is very effective and the greatest need would be more funds.

5. There is no association of FGP directors as such. There is an annual meeting in March of each year of the directors in each region.

6. We are enclosing a fact sheet and our newsletters and will send other material as available.

7. The Director of FGPs is Joan T. Breland, 1350 West Third Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 696-9077.

8. Other organizations for elder are CARE and Senior Service Corps, same address as C.E.O. Sorry for the delay.

Sincerely,

Joan T. Breland, Director
Foster Grandparents Program

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Mr. Ken Bagwell
W.J.W. T.V.
Cleveland, Ohio

Joan T. Breland, Director
Foster Grandparents
Council for E.O.

Public Affairs Programs for the elderly constituted and untimed need. There are 80. There are 80,000 older persons in the Cleveland area and they are interested in medical problems such as arthritic, diabetes, recreational activities, housing, transportation, safety problems.

If older persons could be given employment by your company in handling these programs a double benefit would result as income maintenance is the most pressing need of many of our older citizens.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 23, 1970

Mr. J. T. Breland
1350 West Third Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Mr. Breland:

Thank you for your letter in response to my recent amendment to the Family Assistance Act of 1969.

My amendment, which increases a guaranteed annual income proposal already introduced by the Nixon Administration, would guarantee at least $155 per month to all Americans whose income falls below poverty level when they reach age 72.

This amendment is the first piece of legislation I have introduced before the Senate, and I am pleased with its content. I see it as, at best, a beginning step in preserving the dignity of millions of elderly citizens and providing greater financial security for millions of forgotten Americans.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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February 20, 1970

Miss Joan T. Breland
Program Director
Foster Grandparent Program
1350 West Third Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Miss Breland:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 12th. I certainly appreciate the spirit which prompted you to write.

You will be interested to know that the Ways and Means Committee is right now interested in the adult categories on welfare. It is my hope that we can increase benefits to $120. There is reason to believe that the $100 a month level is already within reach.

I will endeavor to keep you advised of any progress the Committee makes on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Vanik
Member of Congress

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FGP – JANUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Raymond Baetzold	January 21	P. W.
Robert Hill	January 5	Headstart – Fairfax
Ethel Hudson	January 7	Headstart – Garden Valley
Mary Ross	January 25	Rosemary
Jeftalonie Allison	February 24	B. B.
Lois Anton	February 5	P. W.
Joan Breland	February 11	C.E.O.
Mary O'Palka	February 16	B. B.
Mary Ellen Ross	February 2	Soc. for Crippled Children
Callie Fitzpatrick	March 24	Soc. for Crippled Children
Lessie Sollars	March 24	Soc. for Crippled Children

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The FGPs had a birthday party for volunteer FGP Ethel Hesseman on January 15 and all the children sang Happy Birthday. In February the FGPs had birthday parties for FGmothers Allison and Opalka and baked birthday cakes.

One highlight for this quarter was a tour of T.V. station Channel 61 by 13 children from the center and the FGPs and supervisor to see how a T.V. station operates.

The FGPs in the children's library at the center were featured on the T.V. program "This World of Ours" in January.

In March the FGPs began work on a project with the children to make picture books to be given to children at the medical clinic. The idea being to give the FGchildren the joy of doing and giving to others.

One of the FGPs, Mrs. Maggie Phillips, and the FGP supervisor were featured on a FGchildren Orientation Day, sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department, March 22, 1969. The topic was "Closing a 2-Generation Gap." Mrs. Phillips stole the show telling how her FGson taught her to play pool and her FGdaughter took her back 70 years to play house.

Another FGmother at Bessie Benner, Mrs. Martha Harn, is very active in community activities at Bing Golden Age Center, as Secretary of the Goodwill Club and President of the Social Club there. At a party given by the Goodwill Club, Mrs. Harn brought, as her See & Tell Exhibit, the shoes she learned to walk in 74 years ago and a New Testament her Sunday School Teacher gave in 1906 for not missing class in a whole year.

The Bessie Benner annual report says of the FGP program at the center:

> "These FGPs have enriched the lives of the young residents immeasurability and worked with a vigor, enthusiasm, and faithfulness, one has to experience to believe. It is reassuring to these young, often frightened and confused small children to have the consistent daily relationship with a grandmother or grandfather."

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HOST AGENCIES (Continued)

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* Christ Community Church	* Fairfax Recreation Center

Due to the fact that material for the newsletter was not turned in to our Headstart reporter, this space will be used to explain a little of the mechanics of the headstart program in which the FGPs are an integral part.

The qualifications Headstart expects in FGPs are a mature person who reflects both experience and wisdom, good physical health, alert and ready to undertake new experiences, work cooperatively with other staff, assist in working with parents to give children special attention.

Four-hundred families are enrolled in 13 centers and 3-5 year olds "Learn by doing" in 26 classes while the families "Work by doing" on problems and interests. Classes are Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:15 and the daily program includes free play, creative activities, story time, language arts, science, music, resting, snacks, hot lunches and trips. Headstart develops curiosity for learning, self-confidence, self-discipline and self-expression. Each child gets a complete physical exam with referrals for treatment. The heart of the program is family involvement. Parents and staff work on problems of education, family life, health, budget and neighborhood problems. The FGPs at the 5 centers join a staff made up of a Head Teacher, Assistant Teacher, and a Parent Counselor. They attend bi-Monday staff meetings and seminars monthly.

They also accompany the children on field trips and make home visits when needed. We hope to feature each of the 5 FGPs and their centers in succeeding issues of the FGrandstander.

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MERRICK HOUSE SETTLEMENT & DAY NURSERY ASSOCIATION, 1050 Starkweather Avenue, is a neighborhood center in the Tremont neighborhood on the near West Side. The Executive Director is John J. O'Donnell. Pre-School & Day Care

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Merrick House Settlement & Day Nursery Association (continued from page 4)

Director Erma Sharp supervises 4 FGPs. Most of the mothers of Merrick House youngsters work. Each child is handled according to his individual need and programing is planned in contact with parents. Young arrivals are greeted by a housekeeper, nutritious delicious meals are served and the nursery is kept clean and spotless. There are 3 groups of children from 3 to 8.

The Merrick House reporter relates that some highlights of the quarter were visits by the children and the teaching staff including the FGPs to Fantasyland at Public Hall and to the circus.

There are 40 children enrolled in the day care program at Merrick House. They are divided into 3 groups according to their age levels. The children have worked on a unit on home and family involving caring for the home, duties in the home, etc. The housekeeping corner encouraged the children to play out their roles.

Trips included a visit to a grocery store to see how meat looks before cutting, storage of vegetables and trucking. They also visited a farm, rode the rapid, visited the fire station, and downtown to see building construction. The FGPs accompany the children on these trips.

A film was shown at a meeting for parents and staff on "Terrible Two's and Trusting Three's" allowing for discussions.

A major fundraising project was a rummage sale organized by the parents involving grandparents and promoting friendliness and cooperation.

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PHILLIS WHEATLY ASSOCIATION, 4450 Cedar Avenue, provides group service programs for adults and children on a neighborhood basis. The Executive Director is Mrs. Tommie Patty. The supervisor of the Tot School where the 7 FGPs serve is Mrs. Nellie Robinson. Forty to sixty children are served in two, 2 hour shifts.

The FGPs at Phillis Wheatley sent a beautiful basket of flowers to one of the grandfathers, Mr. Stokes, who lost his brother. It is their motto to love one another and show appreciation when needed. Each FGP is given a party and served a cake in the Phillis Wheatley dining room on his or her birthday.

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Phillis Wheatley (Continued from page 5)

Mrs. Kinlock talked to Congressman Louis Stokes about the FGP program at her church and sent him our first newsletter. He wrote her back promising his full support.

During February the FGPs aided the children in educational projects on Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. They also made a Valentine tree and exchanged Valentines. These projects were written up in the February issue of the Phillis Wheatley Newsletter "The Open Door."

For Easter the FGPs made bunny hats and baskets for the children's Easter Parade following a party. The FGP director attended. A new addition to the program at Phillis Wheatley in March was a gym teacher for the FGPs and children. The gym program suprisingly is a boon to arthritis keeping the joints spry.

Mr. Raymond Baetzold, FGfather, was off ill for some time but recovered and returned after Easter.

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ROSEMARY JOHANNA GRASSELLI REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTER at 19350 Euclid Avenue is a treatment and education center for physically handicapped children. Sister Mary Baptista is the Director, Sister Mary Nativity supervises the 9 FGPs. Rosemary accepts children from 2 - 12 with orthopedic or pediatric disabilities. The Home has physical therapy equipment and treatment, occupational therapy devices, speech and hearing program, and educational, social service and medical care. The child is taught social living in dormitories, at meals and at recreation.

Rosemary continued their excellent series of monthly in-service training meetings for all the FGPs in January, February and March of 1969. Sister Kathleen Coleman, psychologist from St. John's College, spoke at the January 13, 1969 staff development program on the "Growth and Development of the Normal Child."

On February 28, 1969 Dr. Lelchuck, staff psychologist from Metropolitan General Hospital, spoke on "Behavioral Problems and the Use of Discipline."

A movie, "Reinforcement Conditioning of the Mentally Retarded & Emotionally Disturbed Children" was shown March 20, 1969 and a social worker conducted a question and answer session after the movie. The movie showed step-by-step how a

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Rosemary Johanna Grasselli Rehabilitation & Education Center (continued from page 6)

Thearpist taught 4 children to speak by constant efforts and how perseverence wills out defeat.

Dr. Eilien, from Metropolitan General Comprehensive Clinic, spoke to the FGPs on "The Philosophy and Care of the Handicapped Child" March 28, 1969.

The FGP supervisor at Rosemary reported that one of the FGPs there was excellent emotional support for a child whose own mother died suddenly in March. She also commented that the FGchildren are improving in growth and gaining weight and that one child picked himself a FGmother to play games when her FGchild was in therapy. The FGPs look better, have more energy and seem happier working with the children, the supervisor says.

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SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, 11001 Buckeye Road at East Blvd., where 4 FGPs help physically handicapped boys and girls triumph over their handicaps. Mr. William Townsend is the Director of Heman Rehabilitation Institute as the Society's East Side Center is now known. The FGPs are supervised by Mrs. Dena Goldstein and serve four groups of pre-school handicapped children each day. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical orthopedic appliances, medical consultation, psychological evaluations and counseling and guidance make this facility rated by the U.S. Public Health Service as one of the finest for rehabilitation in the county.

The new nursery supervisor at Society for Crippled Children initiated a training program for the FGPs there to assist the new emphasis on developing self-reliance in the children at the agency. In order to increase the functional capacity of the children, the attempt is made to get them ambulatory in whatever way possible. To get to and from the busses down a somewhat lengthy hall, the children are helped to walk or use crutches or push a cart or chair. This requires a great deal of adult guidance and supervision. The FGPs have cooperated fully with the staff and are of great benefit in this endeavor. Much improvement both physical and mental has been noted in the children.

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HOST AGENCIES (Continued)

Society for Crippled Children (continued from page 7)

A report on December 1968 activities at Society, received February 3, 1969 too late for inclusion in the last Foster Grandstander, indicated that the FGPs and children enjoyed a Christmas Party by the Cleveland Press, a visit to Christmas Fairyland at Public Auditorium December 18, 1968, and a staff party December 31, 1968.

The FGPs were invited to a meeting of the parents of the nursery children February 12, 1969 where a speaker discussed "Rehabilitation."

FGPS AROUND THE NATION

by Joan Breland

The Cleveland FGP project receives newsletters from other FGP programs in Cincinnati (Hi-Lites); Wisconsin (FGP news); Northville, Michigan (INNERVIEW); and Fort Wayne, Indiana (Moments to Remember). We'd also like to share articles about FGPs appearing in periodicals.

The FGP program at Plymouth State Home & Training School in Michigan has 26 FGPs from 60-82 serving physically handicapped, retarded and blind children. Plans include field trips, speakers on Social Security & Medicare, income tax, child development, FGP newsletter and social mixers. The FGPs get hearing evaluation and free immunizations from the institution as employees. They are provided with little notebooks to jot down daily notes on their children and rocking chairs. The FGPs accompained the children on a downtown department store visit, participate in a play for parents, received corsages and presents, the same as parents, at a tea the staff arranged for the children.

The Plymouth State Newsletter included an introduction to new substitute FGPs, comments on visitors and speakers (UAW Retiree Center Director on "Older People Today"). FGPs social – exchange of white elephants, Idea – FGPs taking children home for home visits.

In Toledo, a similiar project to FGPs began in October 1968 called Special Grandparents. The director visited Merrick House and Phillis Wheatley in Cleveland on March 20, 1969. Toledo employs 13 grandmothers and one grandfather at a pediatrics ward of a hospital, youth camp, St. Anthony's Villa, Sunshine Home or group foster homes.

FGPs Around the Nation (continued from page 8)

The Wisconsin FGP program employs 38 FGPs at 3 colonies and training schools for retarded youngsters. Mention is made in their newsletters of FGPs celebrating wedding anniversaries, service anniversaries and birth of grandchildren as well as birthdays. Congratulation is extended to those FGPs having perfect attendance. Some responses to a questionnaire "What has the FGP program meant to you" were printed.

Their April issue of FGPs news spotlighted "A FGP of the Month" and also contained Good Resolutions – safety conscious, good human relations and good work habits, verses on dishwashing, thoughts on smiling, and exerpts on psychology.

The San Antonio, Texas FGP newsletter "Love Notes" reports on the FGPs day spent at Hemis Fair as guests of the project. A highlight of the January issue is a little boys description of the FGPs "They are good to me, very good. They let me help them. They give me cake and take me outside. They are good, they are not bad". Another interesting item was on 2 FGPs as parents, raising teenagers of their own.

The January issue of Hi-Lites from Cincinnati describes a day in the life of a FGP. One page is highlighted by a "Cook's Corner." In-service training in Cincinnati included personal health care sessions by a registered nurse, films, and discussions on Medicare and Social Security and "Caring for Sick Child." The question was raised as to FGPs and Directors individual conferences being held at the agencies or at central staff office in terms of freedom in speaking of problems.

Innovations Accomplished This Quarter

The President of the May Company, one of our Cleveland Department Stores, responded to our request for the second year by donating 40 tickets to the Cleveland Home & Flower Show for the use of our FGPs February 25, 1969. We delivered these with their paychecks and they were all extremely appreciative.

FOR GRAND COOKING

Phillis Wheatley – Anna Vyskocil
Potato Casserole

Take 3 large potatoes, 2 eggs, melt tbs. of shortning, 3 tbs. of flour, put in a casserole, place in oven at 350° till done.

Birthday Cake – Lois Anton

Take an angel food cake, cut in 3 layers, put whipped cream and Jello between each layer and frost over with whipped cream.

Chicken Croquettes (serves 2)

- 1 c. minced cooked chicken
- ½ c. thick white sauce
- flour, 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1 tbs. milk or water
- 5 cups of bread crumbs

Mix chicken with white sauce, chill, shape into balls, roll in flour, then dip into egg mix with milk and roll in crumbs, fry in deep fat (350° F) 2 to 5 minutes until brown. Drain and serve.

Frozen Butter Rings

- 1 cake yeast,
- ½ lb. butter
- 1 tsp. salt
- 5 c. flour
- 1 c. milk scalded
- ½ c. sugar
- 4 whole eggs

Crumble yeast in lukewarm milk with 1 tbs. sugar, let rise, cream butter and sugar and beat well, add eggs one at a time, add yeast and flour, put in refrigerator over night.

What is a FGP?

by Joan T. Breland

What is a FGP?

a smile, a pat
someone who's near
a hug, a hand
to wipe a tear

a story teller
a listening ear
a family friend
who's daily here

a consoling word
to calm a fear
a sorrow lightener
and cheer to brighten

a faithful hope
when doubts appear
a heavensent love
to dear grandchild

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Ozella James	November	Merrick House
Eula Garrett	November	Society for Crippled Children
Ethel Marie Leath	November	Rosemary
Julia Middlebrook	November	Bessie Benner
Leona ReBell	November	Phillis Wheatley
Mary L. Davis	December	Rosemary
Herminio Delgado	December	Headstart – Christ Community
William Hesseman	December	Bessie Benner

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Thirty Golden Agers from the Ansel Road Golden Age Center toured Bessie Benner July 3, 1968 and were very impressed with the facilities and staff there.

The FGPs at Bessie Benner served as hostesses at the First Anniversary Open House April 25, 1968. In his presentation on a panel discussion, Mr. Sidwell the Center's superintendent complimented the FGPs there as adding a meaningful dimension to the activities for the children. The FGPs are also highlighted in the 1968 booklet on Child Welfare there.

Mr. & Mrs. William Hesseman celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary in September with a party at the Center. Mr. Hesseman is our only grandfather at Bessie Benner and Mrs. Hesseman, who was formerly a FGP, now is a faithful volunteer twice a week.

Mrs. Maggie Phillips, our oldest FGP, celebrated her 84th Birthday and was presented with a beautiful cake and orchid from her co-workers at the center, and many cards from from her children.

Bessie Benner has monthly birthday parties for children whose birthdays fall within the month, at which the FGPs assist. The FGPs take their children over to Sterling Library for movies and story hour twice a week.

WELCOME back to work to FGmother Ethel Harn who fell and injured her arm on her way to work.

Channel 8 arrived at Bessie Benner in a helicopter and took pictures of children and FGPs on Halloween.

Bessie Benner (Continued)

Members of the Cleveland Library Association toured Bessie Benner in October and were particulary impressed with the work of the FGPs.

On November 4, all of the FGPs at Bessie Benner, accompained by their Supervisor Miss Connelly, joined the FGPs project director and administrative assistant at the Lucia Bing Golden Age Center's Council of Elder's assembly. The Project director spoke on the FGP program and comments were made by Miss Connelly and the FGPs. Refreshments with the Golden Agers followed. One FGP, Mrs. Harn is active at the Bing Center.

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Mrs. Louise Peck, Sociologist, has been hired by Headstart to conduct in-service training for the FGPs 2 hours a week on Monday mornings. These began in October.

Headstart holds an annual report dinner at a local church attended by not only FGPs but all staff.

The Headstart Center at St. Paul's had an open house for the community to demonstrate the program which the FGfather Mr. Barker helped set up and hosted.

Headstart has had a community psychologist speak on mental health at their bimonthly meetings attended by all FGPs and staff.

Community United (Continued)

Mr. John Barker, FGP reporter reports that he spent an enjoyable 2 week vacation fishing and camping in the woods at Cadizo, Ohio, but was as glad to return to his 25-30 Headstart youngsters as they were to greet him.

Mr. Barker would appreciate the other Headstart FGPs and head-teachers turning in news of their centers to him for this news letter.

MERRICK HOUSE SETTLEMENT & DAY NURSERY ASSOCIATION, 1050 Starkweather, is a neighborhood center in the Tremont neighborhood on the near West Side. The Executive Director is John J. O'Donnell. Pre-School & Day Care Director Erma Sharp supervises 3 FGPs. Most of the mothers of Merrick House youngsters work. Each child is handled according to his individual need and programing is planned in contact with parents. Young arrivals are greeted by a housekeeper, nutritious delicious meals are served and the nursery is kept clean and spotless. There are 3 groups of children from 3 to 8.

Merrick House became a FGP host agency March 1, 1968 with 2 FGPs, a third has since been added.

The FGPs were invited to a fashion show at Merrick House May 2, 1968 which the FGP project director commentated and coordinated. Some of the Merrick House Golden Agers modeled.

The nursery school supervisor at Merrick House instituted a program of child care inservice training for the FGPs in June. They receive ½ hours a week instruction in music, art, crafts and general child development. In September they were introduced to the auto harp and learned simple tunes on the piano.

On September 5, 1968 the FGPs viewed a movie "Child Development-talking together" a discussion followed the 22 minute film which stressed loving care in nursery school

The supervisor reports that one little boy is extremely nervous and wanders about until his FGmother appears. Then he quiets down with the reassurance she is there.

HOST AGENCIES (Continued)

Merrick House (Continued)

One child was quite upset when his FGP took her vacation. He had been prepared for her absence but asked the teacher each day if Grandma would be in.

The staff and parents report that the children here become more secure in the pre-school setting by having the FGPs in the program to give them the extra love and attention that they might need.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY ASSOCIATION, 4450 Cedar Avenue, provides group service programs for adults and children on a neighborhood basis. The Executive Director is Mrs. Tommie Patty. The supervisor of the Tot School where the 7 FGPs serve is Mrs. Nellie Robinson. 40 to 60 children are served in two, 2 hour, shifts.

The FGPs at PW participated in an Easter Program with the children, their parents and the NYC workers at the Nursery school and also in-the PW annual Friendship Hunt membership Drive.

The FGP project director spoke at a meeting of the mothers of the tot school children on the role of the FGPs in May.

The FGPs at PW assisted the children in preparing braclets and necklaces for their mothers for Mother's Day. They were also invited to the PWA's "Senior Citizens Day" May 16 at which time an illustrated lecturer on "Geri-Antics" was presented by a Plain Dealer columnist.

The FGPs were involved in the planning and performance of a program closing the year at the Tot School in August. The program included dances, fashions, and a play "Old Lady in the Shoe" in which FGmother Mrs. Beulah Kinlock starred.

PW was the host for the FGP advisory committee in September. The committee members toured the PW and observed the FGPs and children in action.

Mrs. Kinlock visited a nursery school in the Bronx Village N.Y. during her vacation and

Phillis Wheatley (Continued)

observed the 3-5 year olds painting and drawing. Mrs. Anton spent her vacation in Iowa fishing, Mrs. ReBell went to a vacation spot in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Kinlock reports that in October the FGPs taught the children to make pictures of leaves with wax, and napkin rings from tissue holder rolls.

The FGPs participated in a Halloween celebration for the children with refreshments balloons.lanterns and pumpkins and for Thanksgiving are drawing turkeys.

ROSEMARY JOHANNA GRASSELLI REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTER at 19350 Euclid Avenue is a treatment and education center for physically handicapped children. Sister Mary Baptista is the Director, Sister Mary Nativity supervises the 9 FGPs. Rosemary accepts children from 2-12 with orthopedic or pediatric disabilities. The Home has a physical therapy equipment and treatment, occupational therapy devices, speech and hearing program, and educational, social service and medical care. The child is taught social living in dormitories, at meals and at recreation.

Mrs. Hazel Bartz, our Rosemary reporter was a resource speaker at the 2nd FGP training program on "What being a FGP means to me."

Rosemary as a Red Feather agency is one of those most visited by large tour of various community groups sponsored by the United Appeal during their April drive. The FGP program is described and the work of the FGPs with the handicapped children observed.

The FGPs at Rosemary helped the children plant buckeye seedling trees in a Arbor Day ceremonial on the grounds at Rosemary.

The Chief engineer of the Cleveland Fire Department discussed fire drill instruction for the FGPs at two sessions in May followed by a question and answer session. In August the FGPs joined a speech therapist and a social worker in planning sessions on suitable training programs the FGPs might find useful.

Verbal and nonverbal communication was the subject of FGP training at Rosemary in

Rosemary (Continued)

September. A demonstration of "Rhythmics for the Retarded" with the children was given for the FGPs in October as well as a talk by a speech pathologist.

Beginning September 20, the FGPs were given the opportunity of attending the monthly meetings of the staff Development program to acquaint them with the needs of the multiply handicapped children they care for. Guest speakers, panel discussions, demonstrations and films are being used to present a variety of topics.

Many of the FGPs had interesting vacations this fall. Mr. Davis visited Ligonier, Pa. a historic town with an original fort from 1858. Mrs. Lyons visited a sister in Pa. Mrs. Leath's godchild visited her from Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Bartz went to an Indian Lake cottage with family for shopping, swimming and eating.

Mrs. Sollars suggests the following variation of ham and eggs to the FGPs – add onions and green peppers in a small amount of bacon fat.

SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, 11001 Buckeye Road at East Blvd. where 4 FGPs help physically handicapped boys and girls triumph over their handicapps. Mr. William Townsend is the Director of Heman Rehabilitation Institute as the Society's East Side Center is now known. The FGPs are supervised by Mrs. Thelma Jones and serve four groups of pre-school handicapped children each day. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical orthopedic appliances, medical consultation, psychological evaluations and counseling and guidance make this facility rated by the U.S. Public Health Service as one of the finest for rehabilitation in the county.

Society for Crippled Children became a FGP host agency March 1, 1968. The April FGP advisory committee meeting was held there and the director commented on the benefits the FGPs have brought the agency. The advisory committee met and observed the 4 FGPs assigned there.

A program of in-service training for the FGPs in first aid instruction was given at the Society in September. In October the FGPs accompained their children on a short bus

Society for Crippled Children (Continued)

trip to Shaker Lakes to feed the ducks. Also in October the Society for Crippled Children's Parents Group viewed a movie at the agency on cerebral palsy and therapy "To the best of their abilities."

Mrs. Allen suffered a slight automobile accident in September and had to be off. She was eagerly welcomed back by staff, fellow FGPs and particularly by her foster grandchildren.

FGPS AROUND THE NATION

by Joan Breland

We have received FGP newsletters from other projects around the country. Some of them included poems and art work by the FGPs. Any Cleveland FGP with similiar talent is urged to submit items to your newsletter. Here is a chance to appear in print through admittedly on a small scale.

Would you like your newsletter to include news of legislation of interest to older Americans? If so let your reporter know.

The FGPs in Denton, Texas, published their own cookbook,78 pages,290 recipies called "Grandma's Cookbook." They printed it themselves and sold 1,800 copies at $1.60 a copy.

Akron, Ohio has 24 FGPs who assist in mentally retarded classes and Children's Hospital of Akron. Monthly meetings are held by the foster grandparents with refreshments provided and served by a group of grandparents. The grandparents plan the meetings which consist of three hours of training or "talk" sessions where they compare notes on activities and a social hour. Social hours have included hat shows, demonstrations of hair styling and flower arrangements. Service certificates were presented to the grandparents at an evening meeting.

The Cincinnati FGP program under the Catholic Charities is also initiating a FGP newsletter and sent us a sample format in October. Theirs includes featuring a FGchild each issue, a host institution's happenings each issue, special announcements of interest to senior citizens, cook's corner and a gossip column. What about these items in our news?

FGPs AROUND THE NATION
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The Cincinnati FGP program in sharing their experiences relate that they have five in-service training sessions each 3 month period, one with all 38 FGPs in attendance. The hospitalized child, discipline and growth and development were discussed. The FGPs exchanged stories about their children and swapped vacation experiences and discussed the culturally deprived child with the help of a movie and speaker from the Welfare Department. The Cincinnati FGPs are very active politically writing their Congressmen petitioning the program remain under its present administration and urging their friends to do likewise.

One of the FGPs in a project in San Antonio, Texas was presented with a Special Certificate of Merit for furthering her education by completing English appreciation at the High School Evening Division.

The FGP program in Cleveland is privileged to have an advisory committee of 28 prominent members of the Cleveland Community who are interested in promoting and interpreting the FGP project. Chairman of the committee is Paul Corey, Executive Assistant to the Cuyahoga County Commissioners. Other members represent the host agencies, news media, community agencies, golden age centers, neighborhood groups, business, labor and medicine. The advisory committee members serve as speakers for the program, devise ways of encouraging employment of older citizens, investigate free medical services, advise on the FGP newsletter, promote education and social programs for the FGPs and set up ways and means projects to finance extra benefits for the FGPs.

The FGP vacation replacements who served with such distinction that their respective host agencies hated to see the end of their tenure were: Mrs. Cora Ricks at Bessie Benner, Mrs. Izetta Tate at Rosemary, and Mrs. Helen Missig at Merrick House. We hope funds will be increased so that we will be able to offer all these fine ladies permanent employment in our program.

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